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## DNA Clears 2 Va. Convicts

Warner orders full review of samples saved in state case files

RICHMOND, VA. | A lab review of DNA evidence found that two men were wrongfully convicted of sexual assault, bringing to five the number of Virginia inmates cleared by samples saved by a deceased forensic scientist, the governor said Wednesday.

Both men, who requested that their names not be released, already had completed their prison sentences before the findings, Gov. Mark R. Warner said in a news release.

Since 2001, three men who were convicted of crimes they didn't commit had been freed

thanks to the late Mary Jane Burton, who had an unusual habit of saving pieces of the evidence she handled, even before DNA testing had been invented. As a result of those exonerations, Warner ordered an independent lab to review a random sampling of cases she handled to see if others had been wrongly convicted.

As a result of the latest findings, all samples saved by Burton will be reviewed, Warner said.

The prosecutors in Norfolk and Alexandria, where the cases were investigated, have

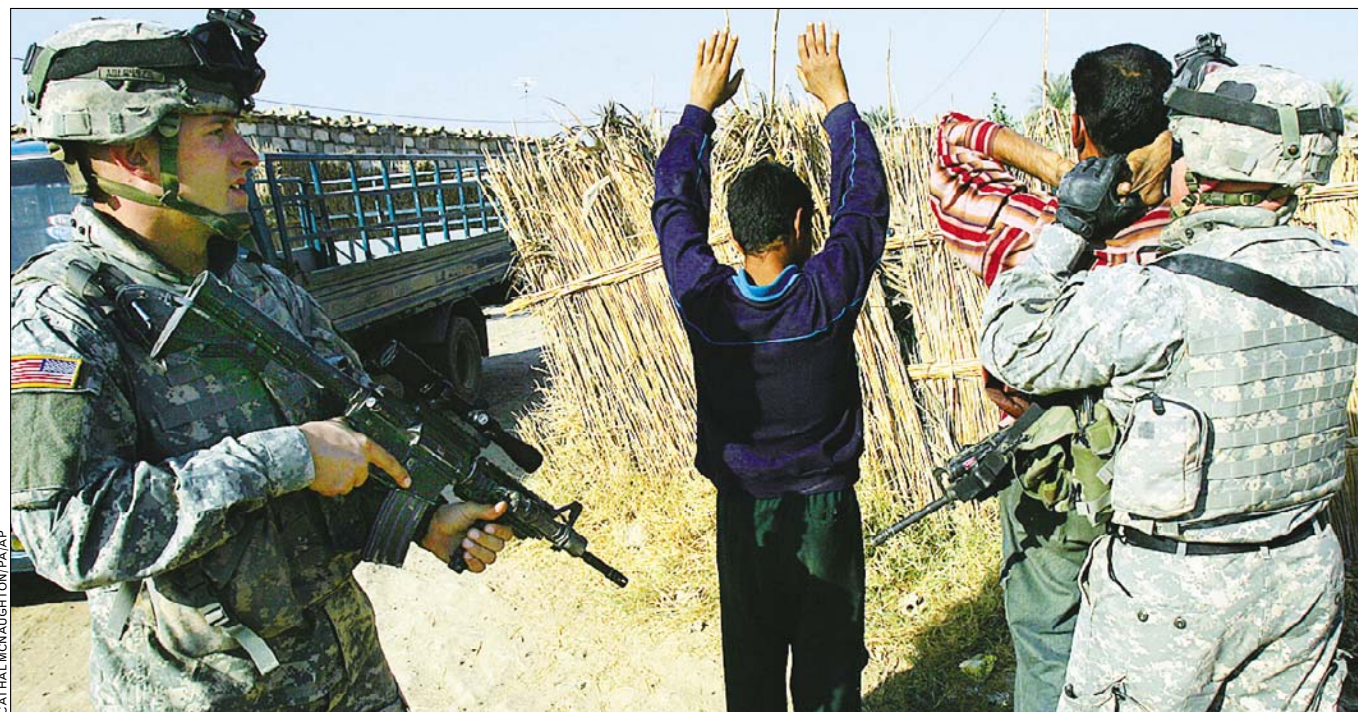


Burton

asked that Warner grant absolute pardons to both men. Warner has asked that their petitions go through the normal review process, but in an expedited manner.

Burton, who died in 1999, worked in the Virginia state crime lab from 1974 to 1988. Even before DNA testing was invented, she took tiny bits of evidence she tested and inserted them into case files, which later landed in storage. The samples were found in 2001. KRISTEN GELINEAU (AP)

## Iraq Quiet Ahead of Vote



**HIGH ALERT:** U.S. soldiers arrest two Iraqis they say were suspiciously walking near a polling station in Mahmudiyah, Iraq, on Wednesday. Soldiers were deployed throughout the country on the eve of a landmark parliamentary election. **❖ Polls poised:** Iraqis ready for vote, but security worries remain | **Page 5**

**FOWL | Peck the Walls** Construction workers in Risesti, Romania, are in trouble with the city after the walls of the school they were renovating were eaten by geese, Romanian media reported. The birds pecked away the polystyrene panels that had been



installed on the walls; Mayor Constantin Negru said the workers should have protected the panels until the walls could have been covered with mortar: "A goose is just a goose. This project was financed by the public budget and I don't blame the birds." (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

# eyeOpeners

## SPEEDING

### A Picture's Worth a Thousand Clues



A Bournemouth, England, teenager has been arrested, and his friends are being sought, after the group posed for a speed camera in a stolen car, police said. Officials found the burnt-out car on Dec. 8, but had few clues to work with until it showed up in the photo — with three of the four riders posing for the camera as it snapped a picture of the speeding vehicle, the Mirror reported. In the photo, the driver and a backseat passenger have wide smiles, while the front passenger hangs out the window with an arm outstretched. "They probably thought that, because it wasn't their car, they could get away with it," officer Rob Ellis said. (EXPRESS)

## BUYERS

### At Least You Know They'll Be Interested

Three alleged art thieves in Menlo Park, Calif., are facing charges after, police say, they tried to sell stolen paintings back to the same art gallery they were taken from. Paintings worth nearly

\$100,000 disappeared after a vehicle was stolen last month from the gallery owners. When the gallery got an inquiry about an appraisal, the description of the art sounded like one of the missing paintings. They called the police, who set up surveillance and arrested the three when they showed up with two of the paintings Sunday. (AP)



KEVIN E. SCHMIDT/AP

## DECOR

### Pink Clink

Jackson County Jail may have Iowa's most passive drunkards. That's because Sheriff Russ Kettmann has painted the facility's holding cell for drunks pink — a color some believe has calming effects. The cell's ceiling is also filled with stars and moons. "I figured this would soothe the prisoners," the sheriff said. "I really looked hard to find those half-moons." (AP)



The owner said the display is about how Christmas is too commercial.

## SANTAAAAGGGHHH!

### Scary Christmas

Joel Krupnik and Mildred Castellanos decked the front of their New York mansion this year with a scene that includes a knife-wielding St. Nick and a tree full of decapitated Barbie dolls. Hidden partly behind a tree, the merry old elf grasps a disembodied doll's head with fake blood streaming from its eye sockets. Krupnik said the display was a commentary on the commercialization and secularization of Christmas. (AP)

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"I said there is no reason to sit in the chair if the things you want to accomplish are done." — **Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney** on his decision not to run for re-election in 2006, raising the possibility of a 2008 presidential bid.



# Nation

## In Brief

### WASHINGTON

#### Bush Orders Faster Process For Information Requests

President Bush on Wednesday directed federal agencies to be more efficient in dealing with requests for government information, but he left in place a four-year-old policy that restricts access under the Freedom of Information Act. The directive does not address a complaint of news organizations that too much information is withheld. (AP)

### WASHINGTON

#### Novak Says President Bush Knows CIA Leak Source

Columnist Bob Novak, who first published the identity of covert CIA officer Valerie Plame, says he is confident that President Bush knows who the leaked the name. Novak said that the public should "bug the president as to whether he should reveal who the source is." (AP)



Novak

### LOS ANGELES

#### Public Transit Bus Collides With Truck, Injuring 17

A public transit bus and catering truck collided Wednesday morning at an intersection near downtown, injuring at least 17 people, authorities said. Two of the injured were in serious-to-critical condition, Fire Department officials said. Eleven people were hospitalized. (AP)

# Bush: Iraq Intel My Responsibility

## President says Iraqi elections are a move toward democracy

WASHINGTON | President Bush accepted responsibility on Wednesday for going to war with faulty intelligence, but firmly defended a decision that has deeply divided the country. "We cannot and will not leave Iraq until victory is achieved," he said.

The president said that Thursday's parliamentary elections in Iraq are a watershed moment that will inspire democracy across the

Middle East. But with public opinion running against his mission, Bush still was left defending his decision to go to war nearly three years ago.

"It is true that much of the intelligence turned out to be wrong. As president I am responsible for the decision to go into Iraq," the president told a foreign policy forum on the eve of elections to establish Iraq's first permanent, democratically elected government. "And I'm also responsible for fixing what went wrong by reforming our intelligence capabilities. And we're doing just that."

"We are in Iraq today because our goal has always been more than



Bush

the removal of a brutal dictator," Bush said. "It is to leave a free and democratic Iraq in his place.

"My decision to remove Saddam Hussein was the right decision. Saddam was a threat and the American people and the world is better off because he is no longer in power," the president told the Woodrow Wilson International

### An Empty Rebuttal

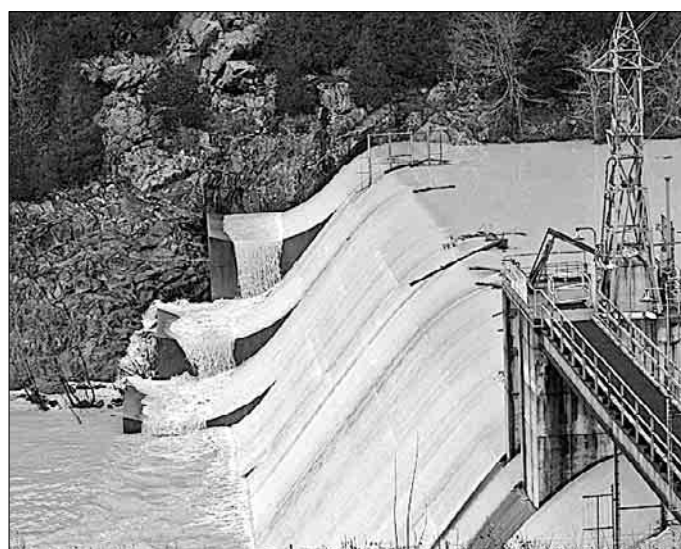
→ The lack of new material in Bush's speech Wednesday meant Democratic Congressman Jack Murtha's response had little ground to cover | **Today, A Section**

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Center for Scholars.

Almost six in 10 Americans said they thought progress is being made in the establishment of democracy, but almost as many — 53 percent — said they thought the United States was losing ground in reducing civilian casualties. NEDRA PICKLER (AP)

### MISSOURI | DAM COLLAPSE INJURES THREE



**OVERWHELMED:** Water pours through a dam on the Black River near Lester-ville, Mo., on Wednesday after a retaining wall around a mountaintop reservoir broke. Flooding left three children injured and washed away two houses.

## House OKs Patriot Act, Fate in Senate Uncertain

WASHINGTON | Senate Republican leaders fought Wednesday to save the USA Patriot Act renewal from sinking under the weight of opposition from a bipartisan group that says the measure would give the FBI a dangerous amount of power.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., predicted that the legislation would survive a filibuster threat and pass before more than a dozen of the 2001 law's provisions expire Dec. 31. He got a boost from Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who lobbied for the renewal briefly at a closed meeting of Republicans.

The House passed the bill 251-

174 earlier in the day.

Opponents of the White House-brokered renewal said there were options other than letting the provisions expire, such as passing a three-month extension to allow Congress to add civil liberties protections. The bipartisan group urged colleagues to block the compromise unless changes, such as higher thresholds for obtaining permission to wiretap, are included in the legislation.

The opponents in the Senate picked up support during the day, as Sens. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., joined their ranks. PETE YOST (AP)

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# Air Marshals to Patrol Rails

3-day pilot program includes surveillance of trains, buses, ferries

WASHINGTON | Federal air marshals are expanding their work beyond airplanes, launching counterterrorism surveillance at train stations and other mass transit facilities in a three-day test program.

As of Wednesday, according to the Transportation Security Administration, teams of undercover air marshals and uniformed law enforcement officers were



LAPD deputy Gary Newton and TSA inspector Gene Luevano patrol in L.A.

descending on bus stations, ferries and transit systems across the country to protect them from

potential terrorists.

Air marshals stepped outside of their usual role of flying undercover on airliners after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans.

Teams consisting of air marshals, a bomb-sniffing-canine team, transportation security inspectors and a local law enforcement officer will patrol Amtrak's Northeast Corridor and Los Angeles rail lines; ferries in Washington state; bus stations in Houston; and mass transit systems in Atlanta, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore.

LESLIE MILLER (AP)

## Controller Error Puts Plane, Jets 'Nose to Nose'

NORFOLK, VA | Two Navy Reserve jets came dangerously close to a commercial airliner last month because of an error by a civilian air traffic controller, reported the National Transportation Safety Board.

A Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 came within 100 feet in elevation and a half-mile in horizontal distance of two F/A-18C Hornets near Norfolk, Jim Peters, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in New York, said Tuesday.

No one was injured in the encounter at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15. The Navy pilots immediately radioed Navy air traffic controllers at Oceana, saying they had come "nose to nose with a 737." (AP)

LOUISIANA | BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER KATRINA



**NEW BEGINNINGS:** Tameka Loston walks her daughter Razzmin, 6, to her first day of school Wednesday in New Orleans. Alice Harte Elementary was among five area charter schools to reopen after Hurricane Katrina.

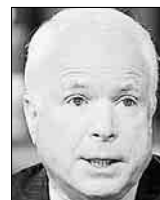
# McCain, Bush at Impasse on Torture

WASHINGTON | Sen. John McCain and President George W. Bush's national security adviser met Wednesday but failed to reach a compromise on the senator's proposed ban on cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of foreign terrorism suspects.

"We continue to chat," McCain, a Republican, said just before meeting with national security adviser Stephen Hadley.

The ban on mistreatment of

prisoners, and another provision standardizing the interrogation techniques used by U.S. troops, have stalled two defense bills in Congress, including a must-pass wartime spending measure.



McCain

Congressional negotiators want to complete the bills before adjourning for the year.

But GOP leaders are waiting for the results of talks between McCain and the White House.

A compromise could come this week, but a deal remained elusive Wednesday.

Still, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, John Warner, a Republican, said he was "optimistic that progress will be made" on the defense policy bill that includes the McCain language

LIZ SIDOTI (AP)





**FAIR HEIR:** With no heirs, a late Norwegian farmer found another way to pass his beloved farm on to a new generation, with a lottery among the young people of his village. About 30 people aged 15 to 35 signed up for a chance in the drawing.

## World

### In Brief

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

#### 4 Militants Die In Airstrike, Fatah Party Appears to Split

Israeli missiles fired from the air ripped apart two cars in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, killing four Palestinian militants and wounding five other people, the military and Palestinians said. The strikes came as the Palestinians' ruling Fatah Party slipped into disarray. Young activists split away and formed their own party for Jan. 25 parliamentary elections, rejecting attempts by old-timers to keep control of the party that has ruled Palestinian politics for decades. (AP)



Lawmakers aim to rename the war-torn Grozny in memory of a former leader.

GROZNY, RUSSIA

#### Kremlin-Backed Parliament Moves to Rename Grozny

Chechnya's parliament on Wednesday asked the Kremlin to rename the war-ravaged provincial capital after Moscow-backed Chechen President Akhmad Kadyrov, who was assassinated last year. Parliament voted unanimously to ask President Vladimir Putin to rename Grozny as Akhmad-Kala, in the memory of Kadyrov, who was killed in a bomb blast in a Grozny stadium in May 2004. (AP)

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

#### Long-Ruling Revolutionary Party Expected to Win Poll

Voting went smoothly except for scattered violence in Zanzibar Wednesday in elections that Tanzania's long-ruling Revolutionary Party was expected to win. Revolutionary Party presidential candidate Jakaya Kikwete told journalists that he was "confident of victory" that would make him Tanzania's fourth leader since its independence from Britain. (AP)

# Pivotal Iraqi Election Set to Begin

## Long-awaited vote for parliament to unfold amid tight security

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Troops were in place, the borders were closed and the ballots were ready early Thursday on the eve of Iraqi parliamentary elections that the U.S. hopes will build democracy and lay the groundwork for American troops to begin returning home.

A coalition of Shiite religious parties, which dominate the current government, was expected to win the largest number of seats — but not enough to form a new administration without alliances with rival groups.

The Bush administration hopes the new parliament will include more Sunni Arabs to help establish a government that can lure other Sunnis away from the insurgency.

With Sunni insurgent groups promising not to attack the polls, voter turnout was expected to be high Thursday.

However, police arrested two suspected insurgents carrying 72 bombs, police Lt. Col. Ahmed Hajoul said. He said the pair said they planned to hide the bombs Wednesday night in the largely Shiite city of Hillah to explode when the polls opened.

But most of Baghdad's streets were eerily quiet Wednesday,



**VOTE POWER:** Members of the Iraqi Tactical Support Unit show their ink-stained fingers after taking part in early voting for parliament in Al Amarah on Wednesday.

with police strictly enforcing a traffic ban.

Up to 15 million Iraqis were to choose 275 members of the new parliament from among 7,655 candidates running on 996 tickets, representing Shiite, Sunni, Kurdish, Turkomen and sectarian interests across a wide political spectrum. Iraqis do not vote for individual can-

didates, but instead for lists — or tickets — that compete for the seats in each of the 18 provinces.

"Let us make tomorrow a national celebration, a day of national unity and victory over terrorism and those who oppose our democratic march," President Jalal Talabani told a nationwide television audience. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

**Poll position:** Jon B. Alterman from the Center for Strategic and International Studies discusses the Iraqi election | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline) at 11 a.m.

### KEY PLAYERS IN THE VOTE

Shiite, Sunni Arab and Kurdish leaders in Iraq have urged voters to participate in elections Thursday as the nation selects its first parliament since the constitution was ratified. Among the major players in the poll:



**Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, 55:**

Cleric and powerful politician who heads the Shiite Muslim coalition.



**Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, 75:**

Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, he has signaled for his followers to support al-Hakim's Shiite-led alliance.



**Saleh al-Mutlaq:**

A prominent Sunni Arab politician who intends to press for changes in the constitution if elected to parliament.



**Ayad Allawi, 60:**

Secular Shiite who was installed as prime minister in 2004 but routed in January elections.

He leads a coalition of Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish moderates. (AP)

## Still No Deal on New EU Budget

LONDON | European leaders rejected Britain's revised EU budget plan on Wednesday, leaving the bitter dispute over the bloc's finances unresolved on the eve of a crunch summit.

Failure to reach agreement would propel the 25-nation bloc into a financial crisis and further undermine its credibility.

Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Wednesday he did not know if a deal could be struck at the Brussels summit which starts Thursday. (AP)

## Thousands Mourn Editor in Beirut

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Tens of thousands of Lebanese — men and women, Christians and Muslims — shouted insults at Syria on Wednesday in an outpouring of anger as yet another assassinated anti-Syrian campaigner was buried.

Lebanon was brought to a halt by a general strike called in mourning for editor and lawmaker Gibran Tuani, who was killed along with two bodyguards Monday in a car bombing, but neighboring Syria largely ignored the events. Damascus has denied involvement in the slaying.



Nayla Tuani, daughter of Gibran Tuani, cries on his coffin in Beirut Wednesday.

Doctors, nurses, bankers and businessmen joined political activists and students to bid farewell to

Tuani, the outspoken 48-year-old general manager of the country's leading An-Nahar newspaper.

"We want to say the truth; Syria killed him!" shouted many among the flag-waving crowd outside An-Nahar's building in Beirut. "Gibran lives on!" shouted others.

Anti-Syrian groups in Lebanon are counting on public anger over Tuani's killing to push for ridding the government of remnants of the Syrian era — including intelligence operatives — and to close ranks in confronting Damascus.

ZEINA KARA (AP)

## World

600

**The number of people** Internet search provider Google plans to hire for its European headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, over the next two or three years. The company's Dublin office is its largest base outside the U.S.

# Iranian Pushes Anti-Israeli Rhetoric

Ahmadinejad calls Holocaust a 'myth,' drawing swift rebukes

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran's hard-line president lashed out with a new outburst at Israel on Wednesday, calling the Nazi Holocaust a "myth" used as a pretext for carving out a Jewish state in the heart of the Muslim world.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's comments drew quick condemnations from Israel, the United States and Europe, which warned he is hurting Iran's position in talks aimed at resolving suspicions about his regime's nuclear program.

The White House said his remarks showed why Iran must not be allowed to develop nuclear weapons. Germany, one of three European countries leading the nuclear talks, called his statements "shocking and unacceptable."

So far, Ahmadinejad has appeared to only escalate his



**LASHING OUT:** Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sharpened his anti-Israeli rhetoric during a speech on Wednesday, calling the Holocaust a "myth."

rhetoric in the face of widespread international criticism, suggesting he may be seeking to fire up supporters at home.

During a tour of southeastern

Iran, Ahmadinejad said that if Europeans insist the Holocaust occurred, then they are responsible and should pay the price.

"Today, they have created a myth

## Going to Extremes

→ Since his election, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has voiced fiery rhetoric that has served to emphasize his roots in the extreme reaches of Iran's politics. | Today, Page A1

## IN The Washington Post

in the name of Holocaust and consider it to be above God, religion and the prophets," Ahmadinejad told thousands of people in Zahedan. "If you committed this big crime, then why should the oppressed Palestinian nation pay the price?"

"This is our proposal: If you committed the crime, then give a part of your own land in Europe, the United States, Canada or Alaska to them so that the Jews can establish their country," he said.

In unusually strong comments, the president of the European Union's administrative body, Jose Manuel Barroso, said Iranians "do not have the president, or the regime, they deserve." ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)

## Tools Shed New Light on Early Humans in Europe

LONDON | Ancient tools found in Britain show that humans lived in northern Europe 200,000 years earlier than was previously known, at a time when England's climate was warm enough to be the home of lions, elephants and saber-tooth tigers, scientists announced Wednesday.

The 32 black flint artifacts, found in eastern England, date back 700,000 years and represent the earliest unequivocal evidence for human presence north of the Alps, the scientists said.

The finding dashes the long-held theory that humans did not migrate north from the Mediterranean region until half a million years ago, the scientists said.

The artifacts suggest the early humans didn't colonize northern areas of Europe, but merely expanded their migratory patterns there when the weather permitted, the scientists said. (AP)



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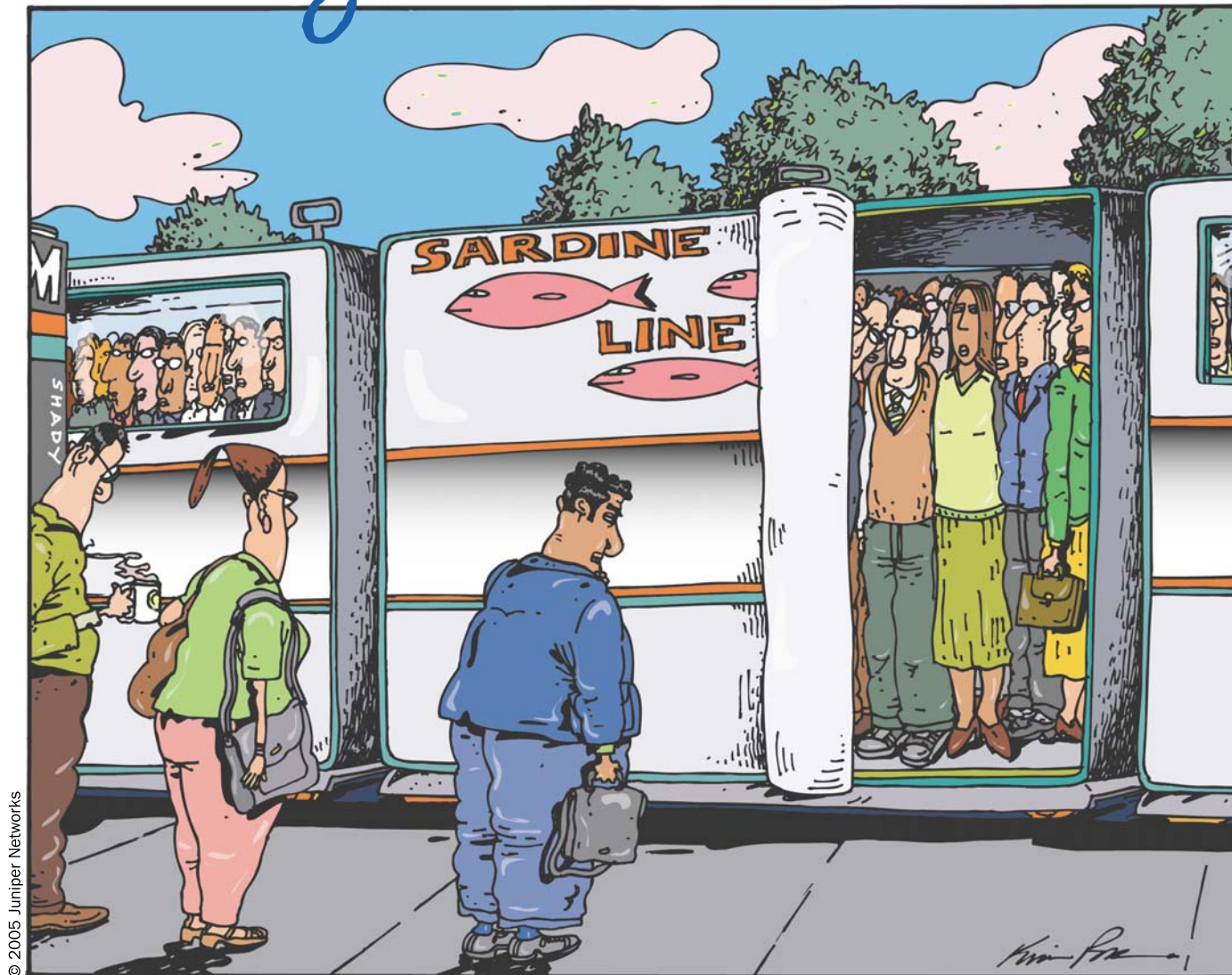
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## Local

# Mayor Lining Up Stadium Support

Williams says he needs only 2 more votes to get stadium lease OK'd

WASHINGTON | Less than a week before the D.C. Council will vote on a lease for a new Nationals stadium, Mayor Anthony A. Williams said he believes five of the 13 council members support the plan, and he is trying to win the other two votes needed for passage.

The mayor is hoping that the promise of \$3 billion in economic development and the creation of up to 20,000 permanent, year-round retailing and hospitality jobs in the ballpark district will help him land the additional votes.

Williams is battling critics on the council who want to move the 41,000-seat stadium from the site stipulated in the lease, about a mile south of the Capitol. They believe the city could save money by putting the ballpark next to RFK Stadium. Major League Baseball officials have said the original site is essential to the success of the franchise and will not accept a new location.

Council Chair Linda Cropp,

## COUNTING THE VOTES

Where D.C. Council members stand on the mayor's plan:

→ **Vocal supporters:** Linda Cropp, D-At Large; Vincent Orange, D-Ward 5; Jack Evans, D-Ward 2; Sharon Ambrose, D-Ward 6; Kathy Patterson, D-Ward 3

→ **Vocal opponents:** David Catania, I-At Large; Adrian Fenty, D-Ward 4; Jim Graham, D-Ward 1

→ **Seen as swing votes:** Carol Schwartz, R-At Large; Kwame Brown, D-At Large; Vincent Gray, D-Ward 7; Marion Barry, D-Ward 8 (AP)

D-At Large, told The Associated Press that she is prepared to support the South Capitol Street site, but still wants Williams to provide more details on economic benefits of the project.

"We will have residents that will be able to have jobs. There will be revenue from people stopping off at restaurants," said Cropp.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)



The opening of the Herndon Official Workers Center on Wednesday drew protests on both sides of the contentious day laborer debate in Northern Virginia.

## Day Laborers Gather At New Herndon Center

'Minutemen' continue surveillance, turning photos over to IRS

HERNDON, VA. | Dozens of day laborers began gathering at a new job center site Wednesday as protesters stood nearby with video cameras to keep watch on what they called an incentive for employing illegal immigrants.

A group called the Herndon Minutemen have been photographing employers who pick up laborers and said they were turning over evidence of illegal hires to local agencies and the Internal

Revenue Service.

The job site consists of a trailer office and portable heaters and toilets until a new facility is built with public funds approved in August by the Herndon Town Council.

Advocates of the job center said its opening represented a way for the community to deal with the safety issue of day laborers gathering outside a nearby 7-Eleven store.

Joel Mills, a spokesman for Project Hope, which operates the new center, said casual labor is legal.

"We're just providing a location for market activity to take place," Mills told WTTG-TV. (AP)

## In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

### Revenue Forecast Indicates Md.'s Economy Will Grow

An annual forecast of state revenues given to Gov. Robert Ehrlich on Wednesday painted a rosy picture of Maryland's economic future, saying the economy and tax revenues should continue to grow at a brisk pace for the next 18 months.



Ehrlich

The Board of Revenue Estimates said general fund revenues for the fiscal year that ends June 30 should total about \$12.2 billion. That's about \$776.5 million more than the estimate made a year ago. (AP)

FAIRFAX, VA.

### Connolly Expects Fairfax Property Tax Rate to Drop

Another property tax rate cut may be in store for Fairfax County homeowners. Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly expects the rate to drop to under \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value. He says that's never happened before. Connolly says the property tax rate has been lowered four consecutive years. The chairman predicts how his colleagues on the board will vote in favor of a fifth tax rate drop. (AP)

### Palumbo's Conduct

→ Richard Palumbo, the controversial Prince George's County District Court judge who has been under fire for judicial misconduct, initially denied a woman the right to a translator, though the state provides them. | **Today in Metro**

**The Washington Post**

## Va. 'Cat Lady' Pleads Guilty to Cruelty

FAIRFAX, VA. | Ruth Kneeven once had close to 500 cats. On Wednesday, she promised a judge she would not own another one.

Kneeven, 83, was arrested in July after hundreds of cats were found in her home. She pleaded guilty Wednesday to a count of animal cruelty in Fairfax County

General District Court. As part of a plea agreement, prosecutors dismissed several other counts and Kneeven must continue to get help for her hoarding problem.

Judge Donald P. McDonough fined her \$2,500, suspending all but \$500. He also gave her a 360-day suspended jail sentence. (AP)

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| Evening Lucky Numbers | 5-4-2                       |
| Mid-day DC 4          | 2-8-2-1                     |
| Evening DC 4          | 8-2-7-0                     |
| Rolling Cash Five     | 24-05-07-14-19              |
| Daily 6               | 21-26-07-24-13-01 Bonus: 18 |

| MARYLAND               |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mid-day Pick 3         | 7-8-3                    |
| Evening Pick 3         | 5-9-3                    |
| Mid-day Pick 4         | 3-7-2-6                  |
| Evening Pick 4         | 3-8-9-3                  |
| Match 5                | 04-05-09-14-25 Bonus: 28 |
| VIRGINIA               |                          |
| Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)  | 7-9-8                    |
| Evening Pick 3 (Tues.) | 7-8-4                    |
| Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)  | 6-2-3-4                  |

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Evening Pick 4 (Tues.) | 8-8-6-3        |
| Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)  | 03-11-23-29-31 |
| Evening Cash 5 (Tues.) | 03-14-17-18-21 |

| MULTI-STATE GAMES     |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
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**The number of cities** Dulles-based air carrier Independence Air plans to drop from its itinerary, The Washington Post reported. The financially-struggling Flyi will no longer serve Chicago, Buffalo, N.Y., Jacksonville, Fla., and Manchester, N.H.

# Money

## U.S. Trade Gap Soars to \$68.9B

**Deficit unexpectedly hits all-time high after jump in imports**

WASHINGTON | A surge in oil imports and a flood of Chinese televisions, toys and computers helped to drive the U.S. trade deficit to an all-time high in October.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the gap between what America sells overseas and what it imports rose by 4.4 percent to \$68.9 billion, surpassing the record of \$66 billion set in September.

The U.S. incurred record deficits in October with most of its major trading partners including China, the European Union, Canada and Mexico. This development is certain to increase protectionist pressures in Congress, with many lawmakers already unhappy with the Bush administration's trade policies.

The worse-than-expected

October performance was blamed in part on the Gulf Coast hurricanes. They curtailed domestic production of oil, chemicals and plastics, forcing companies to turn to overseas suppliers.

Nigel Gault, an economist at Global Insight, said the sharp deterioration in the deficit would shave about 1.1 percentage points from economic growth in the final three months of the year.

He also predicted next year's deficit would be an even worse \$760 billion before the deficit finally begins to improve in 2007.

A surge of Chinese shipments of televisions, toys and computers to U.S. stores for holiday shoppers pushed the U.S. deficit with China to a new monthly record of \$20.5 billion. Administration efforts to reimpose quotas on Chinese goods coming into the U.S. appeared to be having an impact as these imports were down 10.9 percent in October.

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

## Race Is On to Find Hot Holiday Toys

NEW YORK | If parents haven't gotten their hands on some of this season's hot holiday toys by now, they may have to give their children gift cards under the tree.

With both Christmas and Hanukkah about a week and a half away, U.S. toy sellers are running

short on a number of items beyond just the Xbox 360, the new game console from Microsoft Corp. The toys in demand include Amazing Amanda, an interactive doll; Dora's Talking Kitchen, a make-believe kitchen set; I-Dog, an electronic dog that hooks up to digital music

player; ChatNow, a two-way radio communicator; and Shell Shocker, a radio-controlled vehicle.

Toy makers Hasbro and Playmates Toys Inc. say they ramped up production back in October based on early demand, but they can't guarantee that everyone who wants their toys will get them in time for the holidays. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

| STOCK      | LAST  | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| Anteon     | 54.02 | +13.25       | +32.5                |
| CACI       | 61.22 | +7.31        | +13.6                |
| SpectBrds  | 20.63 | +1.90        | +10.1                |
| ConstellEn | 61.10 | +4.83        | +8.6                 |
| Turksh     | 23.99 | +1.79        | +8.1                 |

#### Losers

|            |       |       |      |
|------------|-------|-------|------|
| LamSessn   | 27.35 | -2.75 | -9.1 |
| HeclaM     | 3.38  | -.29  | -7.9 |
| CascadeCp  | 47.72 | -3.87 | -7.5 |
| Navistar   | 28.17 | -2.11 | -7.0 |
| NewSkies n | 22.05 | -1.45 | -6.2 |

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

| STOCK      | LAST  | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| Greenf dOn | 5.51  | +1.04        | +23.3                |
| Margo s    | 6.79  | +1.20        | +21.4                |
| EDP TM     | 4.79  | +.79         | +19.8                |
| 8x8 Inc    | 2.52  | +.40         | +18.9                |
| ArenaPhm   | 13.48 | +2.07        | +18.1                |

#### Losers

|            |       |       |       |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| SciClone   | 2.31  | -1.54 | -40.0 |
| Innotrac   | 4.14  | -1.06 | -20.4 |
| Martek     | 23.87 | -5.38 | -18.4 |
| NeoMgic rs | 6.41  | -1.34 | -17.3 |
| Deswell s  | 11.37 | -2.08 | -15.5 |

### Rates

|                 | CURRENT | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| Prime Rate      | 7.25    | 7.00          |
| Fed Funds close | 4.25    | 4.00          |
| 3-month         | 3.82    | 3.94          |
| 2-year          | 4.37    | 4.40          |
| 10-year         | 4.46    | 4.52          |
| 30-year         | 4.67    | 4.72          |

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

|                  | TODAY   | PREVIOUS DAY | YEAR AGO |
|------------------|---------|--------------|----------|
| British Pound    | .5643   | .5651        | .5186    |
| Canadian Dollar  | 1.1514  | 1.1504       | 1.2356   |
| European Euro    | .8338   | .8360        | .7515    |
| Japanese Yen     | 117.42  | 119.90       | 105.40   |
| Mexican Peso     | 10.7110 | 10.6240      | 11.2660  |
| Taiwanese Dollar | 33.36   | 33.49        | 32.42    |

| DOW      | NASDAQ  | S&P 500 |
|----------|---------|---------|
| +59.79   | -2.41   | +5.31   |
| +0.55    | -0.11   | +0.42   |
| 10883.51 | 2262.59 | 1272.74 |

### Bank Stocks

| STOCK     | LAST  | DAILY CHANGE | YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE |
|-----------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| AustNZ    | 87.90 | +.76         | +8.6                        |
| BcoSnCH   | 13.02 | +.01         | +5.3                        |
| BkofAm    | 46.78 | +.28         | -.4                         |
| BkNova g  | 39.26 | -.17         | +16.0                       |
| Citigrp   | 49.64 | +.20         | +3.0                        |
| DeutschBk | 98.21 | -1.26        | +10.3                       |
| JPMorgCh  | 39.55 | +.14         | +1.4                        |
| MitsuUFJ  | 13.81 | -.07         | +35.1                       |
| RoyalBk g | 75.09 | -.02         | +40.5                       |
| TorDBk g  | 51.20 | -.13         | +22.8                       |
| UBS AG    | 97.60 | -.44         | +16.4                       |
| US Bancrp | 30.66 | +.10         | -2.1                        |
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## Sports



**NORV STRIKES AGAIN:** For Norv Turner, it first was Gus vs. Heath in Washington. Now it's Kerry vs. Tui in Oakland. Kerry Collins, left, will get the start at QB for the Raiders after Marques Tuiasosopo had four turnovers last Sunday vs. the Jets.

# Injuries Put Redskins In a Corner

## 3 defensive backs miss practice days before key game vs. Cowboys

**REDSKINS** | Preparing for their biggest game in several years, the Washington Redskins walked out to practice Wednesday with only one healthy cornerback on the roster.

Ade Jimoh, who is probably best known for being ridiculed by former coach Steve Spurrier, went through the drills. Everyone else with a "CB" by his name — starters Shawn Springs and Carlos Rogers and nickel back Walt Harris — was idle as the team broke in the game plan for Sunday's showdown with the Dallas Cowboys.

All three were listed as "probable" on the injury report, but the Redskins were otherwise cagey about the trio's prospects. Springs stymied reporters with "No comment — don't ask" when approached at his locker, and coach Joe Gibbs said it was too early in the week to tell who will play and who won't.

Regardless, this is hardly the best week to be banged up or undermanned. The Redskins (7-6) are facing their biggest rival in a game both teams need to stay in serious playoff contention, and any weakness in the



Trainers attend to Carlos Rogers during the Redskins' 17-13 victory over the Cardinals Sunday. Rogers is one of three cornerbacks who may not play vs. Dallas.

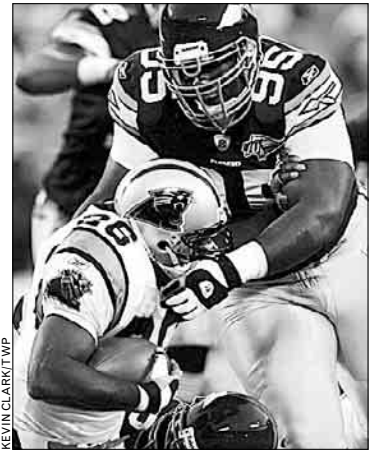
secondary will be a quick target for Dallas quarterback Drew Bledsoe.

"We know their quarterback is a veteran guy, been around, knows where to go with the ball," Gibbs said. "You don't like it to happen, but it has, and we just have to deal with it."

Springs strained his lower back and groin, and Rogers bruised his left biceps in Sunday's 17-13 win over Arizona. Rogers was able to remain in the game, but he was wearing a sling on Monday. Harris missed the game with a strained calf muscle.

Safety Sean Taylor is so versatile that he can help fill the holes if any of the cornerbacks can't play. He has the speed to cover receivers one-on-one and the strength to be a run-stopper as a conventional strong safety. He's confident his fellow safeties — Ryan Clark, Matt Bowen, Pierson Prioleau and Omar Stoutmire — can do more or less the same.

"It's not a concern," Taylor said. "I think everybody is accountable on this team. We know we have to step up when people are down. That's just what we're dealt with. I'm sure everybody's played a little bit of corner in practice or played it in college or Pop Warner or high school. It's nothing different. It's a greater level, but you've got to step up." **JOSEPH WHITE (AP)**



Dan Wilkinson was released by the Redskins during the 2003 training camp.

## Wilkinson Rips Time With 'Skins

### 'Big Daddy': Marvin Lewis was coaching team, not Spurrier

**NFL** | Dan Wilkinson apologized Wednesday for calling Cincinnati a racist city, a comment that led the Bengals to trade their former No. 1 draft pick to the Washington Redskins after the 1997 season.

The defensive tackle also criticized former Redskins coach Steve Spurrier, who went 12-20 in Washington from 2002-03 before quitting.

Marvin Lewis was the Redskins' defensive coordinator in 2002 and became the Bengals' head coach the next season.

"Marvin should have been our head coach," Wilkinson, who now plays for Detroit, said Wednesday in a conference call with Cincinnati writers.

"Actually, Marvin was our head coach. We had Steve Spurrier, but Spurrier didn't have a clue how to train and get an NFL team ready. He just didn't have a clue of how to train a team and coach the team and understand what all went into it.

"Marvin did everything. Marvin did everything as a defensive coordinator, but he was able to keep himself humble in the situation and move on after that one year."

**JOE KAY (AP)**

## Bailey's the Pick of Broncos' Litter

**NFL** | Opposing offenses used to stay away from Champ Bailey because bad things seemed to happen anytime the ball went his way.

This year, thanks to a tweak in the Denver defense and Bailey's perceived vulnerability because of injury, he's seeing the ball more. Opposing offenses are paying.

So far this season, Bailey has a career-high eight interceptions.

"I look forward to getting them," Bailey said. "I want to get them every week. Hopefully, I can get two or three this week. You dream to get them."

Bailey has had an interception in each of the last five games, breaking a franchise record set by Tyrone Braxton in 1996.

It has been quite a surge for Bailey,



Champ Bailey has a career-high eight interceptions this year, and one pick in each of the past five games. He was traded to Denver by Washington for Clinton Portis.

a player some thought wasn't worth what the Broncos paid when they traded away Clinton Portis to acquire him before the 2004 season.

Bailey finished with only three interceptions last year, and though he was good enough to be voted All-Pro, many focused on the handful of big plays he allowed, and the fact that he and John Lynch weren't enough to revive a defense that got torched by Peyton Manning for the second straight year in the playoffs.

Bailey still gives up a big play now and then but he is getting interceptions, too, a big reason the Denver defense has made more big plays en route to a 10-3 record.

**EDDIE PELLIS (AP)**

**Secret of their success:** Learn why two tackles are key to the Cowboys' season | **Today's Post, Sports**



**U.S. INVASION:** Joe Torre carried the torch for the Turin Olympics on Wednesday after clearing it with his daughter, celebrating her 10th birthday. Torre received the torch from Iowa native Brandon Routh, star of the upcoming "Superman Returns," as part of an American day in the two-month relay.

## Sports

### In Brief

#### BASEBALL

##### Time Warner May Sell Braves

The Atlanta Braves may be on the market. A statement released by the team Tuesday said Time Warner is exploring the possibility of selling the Braves and the Turner South cable network, which carries many of the Braves' games. Forbes magazine estimated the Braves' value at \$374 million in 2004. (AP)

#### WIZARDS

##### Blatche Sent to D-League

Washington Wizards rookie forward Andray Blatche was assigned to the Roanoke Dazzle of the NBA's D-League on Wednesday. Blatche, 19, was a second-round draft pick this year. He was shot in late September and missed training camp while recovering from injuries to his chest and forearm. He played in four Wizards games, scoring 11 points with six rebounds in 21 total minutes. (AP)



Blatche

#### TRACK AND FIELD

##### Montgomery Could Lose Prize Winnings for Doping

He's lost his world record, his medals and his reputation. Now, sprinter Tim Montgomery is set to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in earnings. The sport's governing body said Wednesday it will ask the American — banned for two years in the BALCO doping scandal — to return all of his prize money and appearances fees from the past 4 1/2 years. (AP)

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**NBA (8 P.M. ON TNT)** LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony renew their rivalry when the Cavaliers host the Nuggets.

**NBA (10:30 P.M. ON TNT)** The only Van Gundy left coaching, Jeff, leads the Rockets against the SuperSonics.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2)** No. 3 LSU visits No. 4 Ohio State.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (11 P.M. ON ESPN2)** Tennessee plays Washington in the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament.

# Atkins Eager for More Playing Time

## Reserve point guard unhappy with role in D.C.

**WIZARDS** | Could the Wizards have too much depth?

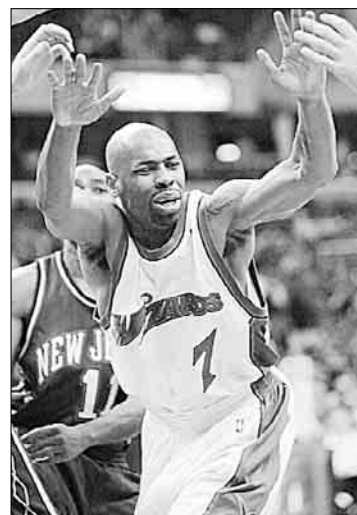
In the offseason, Washington responded to losing Larry Hughes by adding three free agents: small forward Caron Butler, point guard Chucky Atkins and shooting guard Antonio Daniels. With point guard Gilbert Arenas, power forward Antawn Jamison and shooting guard Jarvis Hayes, that gave the Wizards six players who averaged more than 10 points a game last year.

With only so many minutes to go around, some players were going to face the reality of a reduced role — a

fact that the team has downplayed. "That's what's going to define our team this year," Jamison said. "They know what it takes to sacrifice. Some guys will take a back seat."

Back seat? That's fine. But Atkins feels he's been riding in the trunk. After having a career year last year with the Lakers, where he scored 13.6 points a game, he said he's exasperated with being unused and has asked that the Wizards consider trading him if they won't play him.

"I want to play. I want to win. I'm the smallest guy on this team, but I have the biggest heart," said



Chucky Atkins started in place of the injured Gilbert Arenas in Tuesday's win. MANUEL BALCEGA/ETA/AP

Atkins, who is averaging six points a game this season.

Atkins has shown what he is capable of the past two games. Against Miami, he poured in 26 points from off the bench. Getting a start for the injured Arenas on Tuesday, he added another 12.

"Everyone knows that when Chucky comes in, Chucky's going to shoot. If I go down, somebody else is going to step up," Arenas said.

But Atkins would like his role to be more than just waiting for Arenas to go down.

"I've been in this league for seven years. I know what I can do," he said. "It's just about me being out there on the court." CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

### WORLD CUP SKIING | AIRING IT OUT



**SECOND BEST:** Jennifer Heil of Canada performs during the World Cup women's moguls event Wednesday in Tignes, French Alps. Heil placed second while world champion Hannah Kearney of the U.S. claimed the women's event. PATRICK GARDIN/AP

## White Sox Trade for Vazquez

### World champions send El Duque to Arizona to strengthen rotation

**BASEBALL** | Hoping to bolster their starting rotation, the World Series champion White Sox agreed to acquire right-hander Javier Vazquez from Arizona for right-hander Orlando Hernandez, reliever Luis Vizcaino and minor league outfielder Chris Young, a baseball official said Wednesday.

The deal is contingent on the players passing physicals and must be approved by commissioner Bud Selig because Arizona is sending the White Sox cash to help pay part of Vazquez's salary.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the trade had not been finalized. The agreement was first reported by the Chicago Tribune in Wednesday's editions.

It would be the fourth major off-season move by the White Sox since Chicago won its first World Series since 1917. The White Sox re-signed first baseman Paul Konerko and traded for DH Jim Thome and utility player Rob Mackowiak. (AP)

## Brady Questionable for Bucs' Game

**NFL** | Tom Brady was listed as questionable on the New England Patriots injury report Wednesday, a downgrade from his previous status but hardly a guarantee that his 84-game playing streak will end.

"I'm doing better than I was a

few days ago," he said.

Then the quarterback followed his coach's orders and refused to discuss his condition three days after he hurt his left leg in the first quarter of last Sunday's 35-7 win over the Buffalo Bills and remained in

the game. At least the injury report revealed the part of his leg — the shin — that was hurt. The questionable category means a player has a 50-50 chance of playing. So the speculation is likely to continue throughout the week about whether he will play Saturday against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (9-4). (AP)



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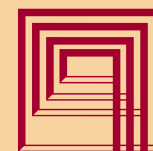
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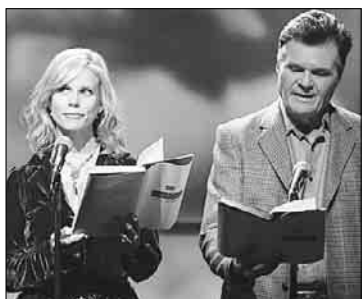


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**SECOND-HAND:** “Arrested Development” fans may have reason to rejoice — rumor has it that the Emmy-winning comedy dumped by Fox could end up on edgy-friendly Showtime. No one would confirm, but “Arrested” supporters, start your frenzied campaigning.

## Celebrities wring hilarity from star's autobiographies

Jay Mohr brings real gusto to the purple prose from David Cassidy's tome. Fred Willard and Cheryl Hines read alternating parts from memoirs by Burt Reynolds and Loni



**ME, MYSELF, I:** Cheryl Hines and Fred Willard read some celebrity words.

It's hardly surprising that Sylvester Stallone's literary opus

George Takei deserves the good sport award for sitting in the studio audience while Eugene Pack reads some of the less scintillating passages from Takei's book "To the Stars"

**"Celebrity Autobiography"** emerged from a nightclub act, and it would probably be funnier in a live environment after a drink or three. But even as it drags this very funny special reminds us of just how jaw-droppingly crummy some bad writing can be. KEVIN MCDONOUGH  
(UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

**TANGLED WEB**  
Completed before his death, **PETER JENNINGS REPORTING: BREAKDOWN — AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE CRISIS** (10 p.m., ABC) examines the plight of the more than 46 million Americans without health coverage and how the growing



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**DAD, IS THAT YOU?** Tim Allen gets a coveted job in "The Santa Clause."

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**THE SANTA CLAUSE** (8p.m., ABC) A normal dad (Tim Allen) is transformed into St. Nick in the 1994 comedy. KEVIN MCDONOUGH  
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| WBDC 50 | Steve Harvey                        | The Parkers 4  | My Wife and Kids  | Bernie Mac  | Smallville Clark begins to understand why he was sent to Earth. 4                              |  |   |   | Bernie Mac                        | My Wife and Kids   | Sex and the City                 | Will & Grace 4                    |                   |
| A&E     |                                     | Cold Case Files  |   | Cold Case Files   |  | Cold Case Files  |   | Cold Case Files   |                                   | The First 48 (N) 22  |                                  | Crossing Jordan "Family Ties" 22  |                   |
|         | Animal                              | The Crocodile Hunter Diaries   |   | The Most Extreme "Defenders" 22   |  | The Planet's Funniest Animals  |   | Animal Precinct (N)   |                                   | Animal Precinct (N)  |                                  | The Planet's Funniest Animals     |                   |
|         | BET                                 | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live  |   | BET Style   |  | "Masquerade" (2000, Romance) Simbi Khali, Cress Williams, Kellita Smith. |   |   |                                   | The Ultimate Hustler   |                                  | In Living Color 4                 | In Living Color 4 |
|         | Bravo                               | Project Runway "All Dolled Up" 22  |   | The West Wing 4   |  | Faith Hill: Fireflies 4  |   | Elton John: Red Piano 4   |                                   | Celebrity Autobiography, Own Words                                 |                                  | Elton John: Red Piano 4           |                   |
|         | Comedy                              | MadTV 4  |   | Com.-Presents   | Reno 911! 22   | Daily Show   | Colbert Report  | Premium Blend   | South Park 22                     | The Showbiz Show With David Spade                                  |                                  | Daily Show                        | Colbert Report    |
|         | Court                               | NYPD Blue "The One That Got Away"  |   | Cops 4  | Cops 4   | The Investigators  |   | Forensic Files  | Body of Evidence                  | The Investigators "Revenge Ride" (N)                               |                                  | Hollywood Red                     | Hollywood Justice |
|         | Discovery                           | Cash Cab (N)   | Cash Cab (N)  | I Shouldn't Be Alive  |  | The Repossessors   |   | The Repossessors 2  |                                   | Tattoo! Beauty, Art and Pain                                       |                                  | MythBusters Curing seasickness.   |                   |
|         | DISCH                               | Paramedics "A Sinister Turn" 22  |   | Trauma - Life in the ER   |  | Is Your House Out to Get You? (N)  |   | Conjoined Twins: Separate Steps   |                                   | Babies: Special Delivery   |                                  | Is Your House Out to Get You?     |                   |
|         | Disney                              | Sister, Sister 4   | Phil of the Future  | That's So Raven   | That's So Raven  | ★ ★ "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. 22         |   |   |                                   | Buzz-Maggie  | Sister, Sister 4                 | That's So Raven                   | That's So Raven   |
|         | E!                                  | Dr. 90210  |   | E! News (N)   | E! News  | 50 Cutest Child Stars All Grown Up Young celebrities.                    |   |   |                                   | Heartthrobs  | Gastineau Girls                  | Howard Stern                      | Howard Stern      |
|         | FX                                  | King of the Hill 4   | King of the Hill 4  | That '70s Show  | That '70s Show   | Cops "Arizona"   | Cops "Arizona"  | Cops 4  | Cops 4                            | ★ ★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons. |                                  | Will & Grace 4                    | Will & Grace 4    |
|         | HGTV                                | Wknd Warriors  | Landscapers   | Curb Appeal   | House Hunters  | Small Space  | reDesign  | Divine Design   | Designers'                        | House Hunters (N)  | House Hunters                    | Design on a Dime                  | My First Place    |
|         | Family                              | 7th Heaven "Homecoming" 4  |   | The Year Without a Santa Claus  |  | ★ ★ "Snow" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cavanagh, Ashley Williams. 22        |   |   |                                   | Whose Line?  | Whose Line?                      | The 700 Club                      |                   |
|         | History                             | Pompeii Secrets Revealed   |   | Marvels: Empire State Building  |  | History's Mysteries "Monsters" 22  |   | Giganto: The Real King Kong (N)   |                                   | Quest for Dragons Dragons appear in most cultures. 22              |                                  |                                   |                   |
|         | Lifetime                            | The Golden Girls   | The Golden Girls  | "The Angel Doll" (2000, Drama) Keith Carradine, Diana Scarwid. 22                       |  | "Christmas Child" (2003, Drama) William R. Moses, Megan Follows. 22      |   |   |                                   |  |                                  | Will & Grace 4                    | Will & Grace 4    |
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| SCI FI  | Stargate SG-1 "The Rite of Passage" |  | "Cerberus" (2005, Science Fiction) Greg Kinnear, Garrett Sato. 22             |   | "Painkiller Jane" (2005, Science Fiction) Emmanuelle Vaugier, Iain Donovan.                    |  |   |   | "Momentum" (2008) Lou Gossett Jr. |  |                                  |                                   |                   |
| SPICE   | World's Wildest Police Videos       |  | CSI: Crime Scene Investigation  |   | CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 4   |  | MXC "Most Best of MXC 2" (N) 4                            | MXC 4   | MXC 4                             |  | World's Wildest Police Videos    |                                   |                   |
| TBS     | Sinfeld 4                           | Sinfeld 4  | Every-Raymond   | Every-Raymond   | Friends 4  | Friends 4  | ★ ★ "The Truman Show" (1999) Jim Carrey, Laura Linney. 22 |   |                                   |  | (10) ★ ★ "Road Trip" (2000) 22   |                                   |                   |
| TLC     | Martha (N) 22                       |  | Archie, the 84-lb Baby  |   | Two Headed Baby two heads.   |  | A Boy in a Million Proteus syndrome.                      |   | The Boy Whose Skin Fell Off       |  | Two Headed Baby two heads.       |                                   |                   |
| TNT     | Charmed "Primrose Empath" 22        |  | Law & Order "Paranoia" 4  |   | NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Cleveland Cavaliers. From Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.   |  | NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Seattle Sonics. (Live)  |   |                                   |  |                                  |                                   |                   |
| USA     | (4:30) ★ ★ "Nurse Betty" (2000)     |  | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 4   |   | ★ ★ "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey. A frustrated reporter receives divine powers from God. |  | Law Order: CI   |   |                                   |  |                                  |                                   |                   |
| VH1     | 100 Hottest Hotties "100-81" 4      |  | 100 Hottest Hotties "80-61" 4   |   | 100 Hottest Hotties "60-41" 4  |  | 100 Hottest Hotties "40-21" 4                             |   | 100 Hottest Hotties "20-1" 4      |  | Banned! World's Sexiest Videos 4 |                                   |                   |
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| ESPN    | ESPN                                | SportsCenter (Live)  |   | NFL Live  |  | Bound for Glory  |   | "CodeBreakers" (2005, Docudrama) Scott Glenn, Jeff Rupp. 22               |                                   |  | SportsCenter (Live)              |                                   |                   |
|         | ESPN2                               | ESPN Hollywood   | Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith   | Women's College Basketball LSU at Ohio State. (Live)                                    |  | NFL's Greatest Game From Jan. 8, 1984. (N) 22                            |   |   |                                   |  | Women's College Volleyball       |                                   |                   |
|         | CSN                                 | Fant. Football   | SportsNite  | Ship Shape TV 4   | Halls of Fame  | Premiership Soccer Liverpool vs. Middlesbrough. (Taped)                  |   | SportsNite (Live)   |                                   |  | Football Thurs.                  | Best-Sports                       |                   |
| E!      | CNN                                 | Lou Dobbs Tonight  |   | The Situation Room  |  | Paula Zahn Now   |   | Larry King Live   |                                   | Anderson Cooper 360  |                                  |                                   |                   |
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| E!      | AMC                                 | ★ ★ "Above the Law" (1988, Drama) Steven Seagal, Henry Silva. 'R' 22     |   | ★ ★ "The Delta Force" (1986, Adventure) Chuck Norris, Lee Marvin, Martin Balsam. 'R' 22 |  | (45) ★ ★ "The Octagon" (1980) Chuck Norris. 'R' 22                       |   |   |                                   |  |                                  |                                   |                   |
|         | TCM                                 | (4:15) ★ ★ ★ "Sweet Charity" (1969)                                      | Private Screenings Shirley MacLaine.  | ★ ★ ★ "The Man From Laramie" (1955, Western) James Stewart. 'NR'                        |  | ★ ★ ★ ★ "West Side Story" (1961, Musical) Natalie Wood. 'NR' 22          |   |   |                                   |  |                                  |                                   |                   |
|         | HBO                                 | Costas NOW 4   | Real Sports 4   | Inside the NFL 4  |  | ★ ★ "Flight of the Phoenix" (2004) Dennis Quaid. 4 'PG-13' 22            |   | Cathouse: The Series 4  |                                   |  |                                  |                                   |                   |
|         | MAX                                 | (5:05) ★ ★ ★ "Ray" (2004) Jamie Foxx. 4 'PG-13' 22                       | (45) ★ ★ ★ "Ocean's Twelve" (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney. 4 'PG-13' 22 |   |  | ★ ★ ★ ★ "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke. 4 'R' 22    |   |   |                                   |  |                                  |                                   |                   |
|         | SHOW                                | ★ ★ "The Prince & Me" (2004) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. I TV. 4 'PG' 22   |   | Sleeper Cell Attack in Los Angeles.   |  | Sleeper Cell Shopping mall attack. 4                                     |   | ★ ★ "XX/XY" (2002, Drama) Mark Ruffalo. 'R' 22                            |                                   | The Punisher 'R'.  |                                  |                                   |                   |
|         | TMC                                 | ★ ★ "Don't Tempt Me" (2001) Victoria Abril. (Subtitled-English) 4 'R' 22 |   | ★ ★ "Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius" (2004) Jim Caviezel. 4 'PG' 22                      |  | (10) ★ ★ "Beyond Borders" (2003, Drama) Angelina Jolie. 4 'R' 22         |   |   |                                   |  |                                  |                                   |                   |
| STARZ!  | (5:30) ★ ★ "The Last Shot" (2004) 4 | (05) ★ ★ "Radio" (2003, Drama) Cuba Gooding Jr., Ed Harris. 4 'PG' 22    |   | ★ ★ "Liar Liar" (1997) Jim Carrey. 4 'PG-13' 22   |  | ★ ★ "Fallen" (1998) Denzel Washington. 4 'R' 22                          |   |   |                                   |  |                                  |                                   |                   |
|         | ENCORE                              | (1:15) ★ ★ ★ "The Nutty Professor" (1996) Eddie Murphy. 'PG-13' 22       |   | ★ ★ ★ "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Drama) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. 4 'R' 22           |  | (35) ★ ★ "King of New York" (1990) Christopher Walken.                   |   |   |                                   |  |                                  |                                   |                   |



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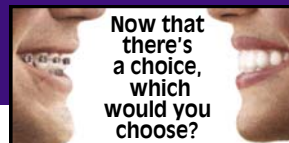
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# Look out

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## Appearances

### Salons for guys offer a manly setting for primping, preening

Steven Wooke took a swig from a bottle of Heineken as his left hand rested on a small table, his fingers spread out.

He was getting a manicure — or “hand detailing,” as the salon calls it — and it’s a pampering the information technology manager has learned to enjoy.

“My girlfriend notices it,” said Wooke during a recent visit to an American Male salon for nail grooming sans polish in Philadelphia. “I try to come in every two weeks.”

American Male is one of a growing number of salons devoted to men who want more than just a haircut but don’t feel comfortable sitting in women’s beauty salons and wouldn’t be caught dead entering a froufrou day spa.

The salons are catering to an apparently growing interest by men in grooming. Sales of men’s skin care products sold through department stores rose 13 percent last year, more than double the growth for the women’s market,

according to NPD Group, a marketing research firm.

Retail sales in the U.S. men’s grooming market are expected to reach \$10 billion by 2008, up 25 percent from last year, according to Packaged Facts, a unit of Marketresearch.com.

From the decor to the terminology they use, men’s salons are seeking to put some distance between themselves and beauty salons.

Some have strong sports themes, including TVs tuned to sports channels. Some offer free beer. And at least one lets clients light up cigars. Prices for haircuts, waxing, man-

icures, pedicures, facials, shaving and massages start at about \$20.

“Men don’t really like going to salons. They don’t like being with women in there and they don’t like the smell of the salons,” said Howard Hafetz, chief executive of Raylon Corp., American Male Salons’ parent company. “They don’t want to look across the aisle and see their buddy’s wife over there.”

Raylon now operates or licenses

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**JOCK AND SPA:** A patron at American Male in Philadelphia seems to have no masculinity issues with a full grooming package.

# The Men’s Groom

salons in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina, California, Illinois, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Other chains catering to men’s grooming include The Art of Shaving, which has eight locations in four states and is opening 10 more by the end of 2006; Sport Clips, with 300 franchised locations; and Roosters Men’s Grooming Centers, with 13 salons open and five more under construction.

“Men are getting more vain,” said Marian Salzman, author of “The Future of Men.” “There’s more pressure to look young and sexy. Even young boys are waxing their bodies to be hairless.”

But is male grooming a lasting trend or will it dissipate as quickly as nail polish remover?

“It’s viable,” said Michael Flocker, author of “The Metrosexual Guide to Style: A Handbook for the Modern

Man.” “I think the presentation of the concept is very important. If it looks at all girly, it will be intimidating to men. If it looks sleek, men will respond to it.”

Joe Grondin, founder of Roosters, said his store specializes in getting rid of hair that men don’t want, wherever it is.

“We do a lot of eyebrows, you know, to get rid of the unibrow thing,” he said. DEBORAH YAO (AP)

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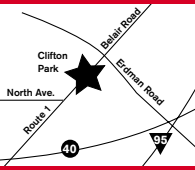
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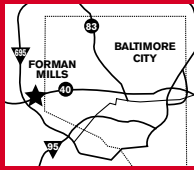
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**ROLL ME IN DESIGNER SEAWEED:** Modern Day Spa's Sushi Roll treatment involves the liberal slathering with sushi ingredients, among them the seaweed mask, above.

# A Yen for Beauty

## Roll like sushi or smell like sake with these spa treatments

According to a certain film opening Friday, the very best geisha have flawless skin, effortless grace and a psychotic rival or two. You're on your own for the last one, but these Japanese-flavored spa treatments can help out with the first two.

→ Become sushi! During the **SUSHI ROLL TREATMENT** (\$135, 80 minutes) at Modern Day Spa, you'll be slathered in ginger-wasabi gel to improve your circulation. They'll rub you with rice putty, which soaks your skin in amino acids. Then comes the seaweed mask, of course. For dessert: lemongrass lotion.

*Tysons Corner Center, 703-356-6995; moderndayspa.com.*

→ If pain and modesty mean noth-



At the Hotel Madera, the Rice and Sake Hand and Foot Treatment comes to you.

ing to you, try the **JAPANESE BIKINI WAX** (\$55, 20 to 45 minutes) at Skin Beauty Lounge. "It's a hit, but not for the timid," says owner and esthetician Nora Piroglu. Unlike the Brazilian, which leaves a wee landing strip, the Japanese takes it *all* off.

*404 ½ 8th St. SE; 202-543-6993; skinbeautylounge.com.*

→ For those who prefer to leave their clothes on, I Spa at the Willard offers **SHIATSU MASSAGE** (\$120, 60 minutes; \$160, 90 minutes). This rhythmic acupressure treatment is done through comfortable clothing such as a loose T-shirt and yoga pants. "Shiatsu is finger pressure. It's a Japanese energy healing technique" meant to calm

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and harmo- nize, explained massage therapist Angela Homer. Don't be surprised if Homer massages the stomach or stands on the massage table to leverage her body weight.

*1401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-942-2700; washington.intercontinental.com.*

→ Check into Hotel Madera to experience the in-room **RICE AND SAKE HAND AND FOOT TREATMENT** (\$110, 90 minutes), which uses Fresh skincare products. In this manicure/pedicure combo, hands and feet get the full sake treatment — a soak in Sake Bath and a foot rub with Rice Foot Cream (all while Sake candles burn). There's a Sake and Rice Massage available, too. **STEPHANIE JONES**

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## Weddings



### Paper Pampering

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**KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)**

## Home



### Never Stop Smelling

Just as you stop noticing bad smells — for example, your roommate's unwashed towel — your nose adapts to good smells, too. Febreze is tackling this horrific problem with **NOTICEABLES** (\$8), scented oil warmers that alternate between two aromas, like Morning Walk and Cleansing Rain or Jasmine Breeze and Pink Magnolia. The differences are subtle enough that the switching is seamless, and it's true you never forget they're there. Whether that's a good thing depends on how much floral smell you can stomach.

**VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)**

## DEAR MANOLO ►► THE SHOEBLOGGER ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

### Please help me find a holiday party shoe! —AMANDA

Manolo says, you must not be reading the humble shoe blog of the Manolo, as for the past two of the weeks, the Manolo he has been featuring at his blog, the super fantastic "holiday" shoes, shoes that capture the festive spirit of the season. What, you may rightly ask, are the qualities that make the shoe suitably festive? The number one, the shoe it must be fun. This it is the happy time of the year, and so leave the drab footwear



for the middle of the January. The color of the shoe it should be the rich, and the material sumptuous, either the velvet or the satin. There must be the little bit of the sexy toe exposure or the toe cleavage, and finally, perhaps some of the ornamental bling bling to enliven the whole thing. As you can see, this shoe, the Faubourg from the Anne Klein (\$419, [zappos.com](http://zappos.com)), it meets the criteria perfectly. **THE MANOLO HE IS MOVING TO THE FRIDAY! READ HIM IN LOOKOUT WEEKEND ON DEC. 23.**



# LOOK<sup>\*</sup>out

## Voices

### Health

### Diet Supplements

**ROBERT SAPER** of the Boston University School of Medicine was online Tuesday to discuss dietary supplements for weight loss | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

#### Are there any weight/fat-losing products that are good for people (with exercise of course)?

There are some supplements that are certainly safe, or maybe even helpful for non-obesity medical issues, but there are none that I currently believe have robust scientific evidence for me as a physician to proactively recommend for my patients. Glucosamine shows some evidence for efficacy. And green tea may have very beneficial health effects, but it has not been shown to lead to weight loss.

#### What fat-burning supplement do you think would be most effective for active people?

None.

**I am 21 and want to loose about 30 pounds. I do not eat poorly and I am moderately active. My trainer told me that taking a supplement with ephedra would help but have no harmful effects. I wanted to know what you think about this.** Certainly do not take ephedra. Some of the serious case reports on ephedra were in patients without any pre-existing risk factors for heart problems who took recommended doses. I would recommend seeing a nutritionist to carefully review your diet. Are you getting adequate aerobic exercise? Exercise has three major components: aer-

obic, strength and flexibility. We need a balance of all three.

**I have about 5 to 10 pounds to lose to get at an ideal weight. Will stimulants like coffee or appetite suppressants help (along with healthy diet and exercise), and what are the risks of taking them? What are the effects of such medication on pregnancy?**

In pregnancy, it is essential to discuss any medication or supplement use with your doctor. In general, we do not have adequate safety information for any supplements regarding pregnancy, and therefore they should be discouraged.

#### What do you think of energy drinks for weight loss? Red Bull, Fizzy, Fuze Slenderize? Are they safe to drink?

All of these contain either caffeine or botanical sources of caffeine. Sometimes the amount of caffeine is equal to five times the amount or more of caffeine that is in a cup of coffee. Palpitations, headaches, insomnia and anxiety are all possible complications. I discourage use of these.

#### → Today on Live Online

**1 P.M.:** Washingtonpost.com's Janet Bennett and Kim O'Donnel help you shop for holiday gifts — from fashion to kitchen gadgets.

**1 P.M.:** Washington Post education reporter Jay Mathews examines the area's top high schools.

### Letters

#### A Question of Race?

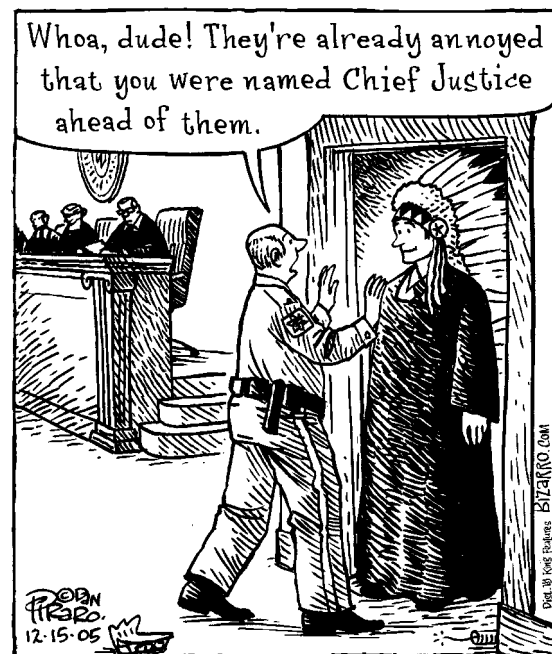
**WHENEVER I SEE** an article concerning race and statistics, I am concerned. Racial bias is an emotional issue and statistics are supposed to be cold facts. Consider the Dec. 14 article titled "Pollution's Racial Divide." Is this an article about race or about poverty? The headline shouts race, but I imagine that the data tell a different story. If we

compare the population of blacks below a certain income level with the population of whites (or Hispanics or Asians et al) below the same income level, I suspect that the gap shrinks. Without seeing all the data, we cannot actually determine whether the black population is, in fact, more likely to live in polluted areas, or simply more likely to be poor — also a cause for concern, but a different problem with presumably different solutions.

—CARL A. PEARSON  
Washington, D.C.

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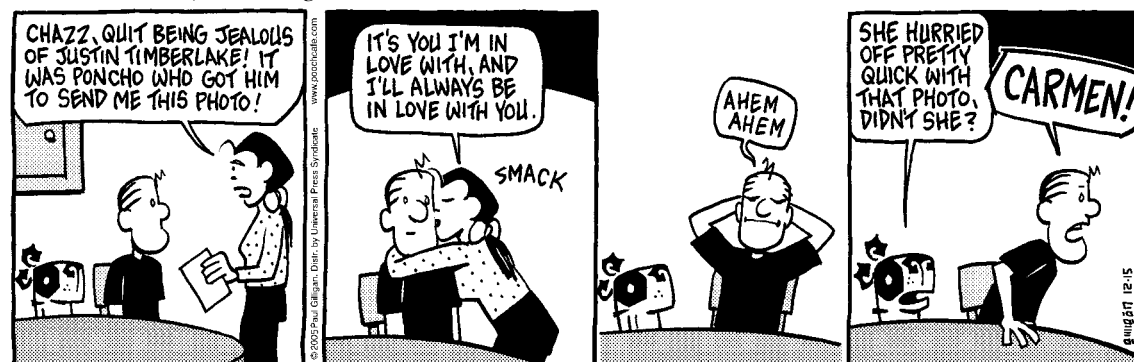


### Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"Something plain — that won't raise any suspicion."

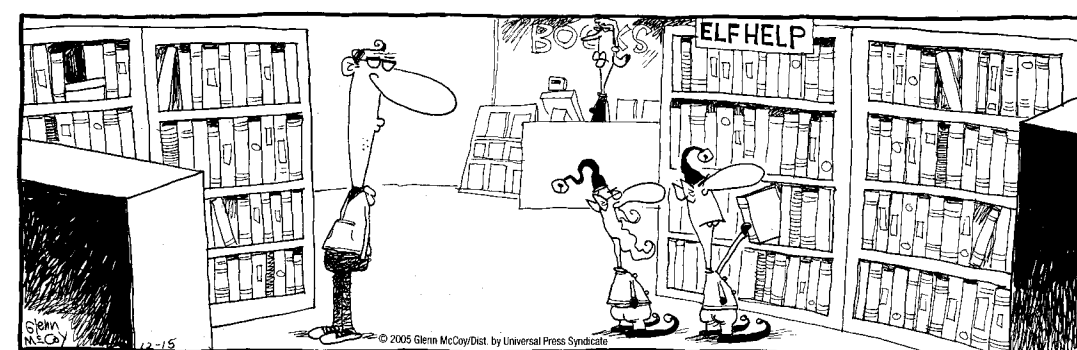
### Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



## FORBIDDEN PHRASES

“What about Season’s Greetings (a Christmas card saying for as long as I can remember) — is that now verboten too?”

THE OUTRAGE BY CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVES WHO WANT TO SEE “MERRY CHRISTMAS” REPLACE THE MORE SECULAR “HAPPY HOLIDAYS” HAS JAMBRO.BLOGSPOT.COM WONDERING WHAT OTHER TRIED-AND-TRUE HOLIDAY GREETINGS WILL BE DEEMED OFFENSIVE.

## THE Blog LOG

## A MODEST PROPOSAL

“If they’re having so much trouble with funding, why not fine idiots. It’s a limitless resource.”

SQUIDPANTS.BLOGSPOT.COM SUGGESTS METRO PENALIZE PASSENGERS WHO SHOW BAD PUBLIC-TRANSIT ETIQUETTE.

## PLAYING THE PORN CARD

“... Rita seems to have grabbed the tabloid baton with both hands.”

WITH WEDNESDAY’S “PORN VALLEY” EXPOSE, MSNBC’S RITA COSBY IS GIVING FOX’S GERALDO RIVERA A RUN FOR HIS MONEY, SAYS IDEAGROVE.COM/BLOG.



## AUSTRALIAN TRANSLATION

“...[W]hen ‘whites’ get rough, it’s due to alcohol, whilst violent behavior by ‘others’ is due to some deficiency in culture or character.”

DIRETRIBE.BLOGSPOT.COM SEES BIAS IN AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN HOWARD’S CONTENTION THAT THIS WEEK’S RACE RIOTS IN CORNALLA WERE CAUSED BY ALCOHOL.

## SCARY WORDS

“Regardless of the history behind Holocaust denial, the fact is this sort of revisionism continues and becomes even more prominent when a public figure stands up and proclaims support.”

PUNDITGUY.COM SAYS IRANIAN PRESIDENT MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD’S DECLARATION THAT THE HOLOCAUST IS A JEWISH MYTH MAKES HIM A DANGEROUS MAN IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You will not suffer fools gladly. But on at least one occasion, you will have to be patient and wait your turn.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You may discover that a critic actually believes in you and your projects — and has for quite some time!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You must work hard to maintain your standard of excellence. Don’t underestimate the power of confidence and positive thinking.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Your familiarity with difficult issues will serve you well, and you may be called upon to help others on many occasions.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Just when you think a “disaster” is unavoidable, someone is likely to come through and make it all work out right.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Make sure you’re doing things by the book. You

can’t afford to put forth all the effort without gaining all the rewards.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The tide may be turning, and the time is coming when you can feel truly confident in your personal affairs. Your sense of self is improving.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You may be going overboard in your attempts to be noticed. Calm down, slow down and come back to earth! Your time will arrive.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your confusion about work may be rooted in an inability to see things in the harsh light of reality. Translation: There is no “I” in team.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Questions about your role in family affairs are likely to be answered — dramatically. Only you can avert a major confrontation.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Teamwork will surely bring a valuable change in attitude for everyone concerned. However, you can still be “in charge.”

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** There may be those who criticize, but, for the most part, you will be surrounded by support, enthusiasm and gratitude. Only you know why.

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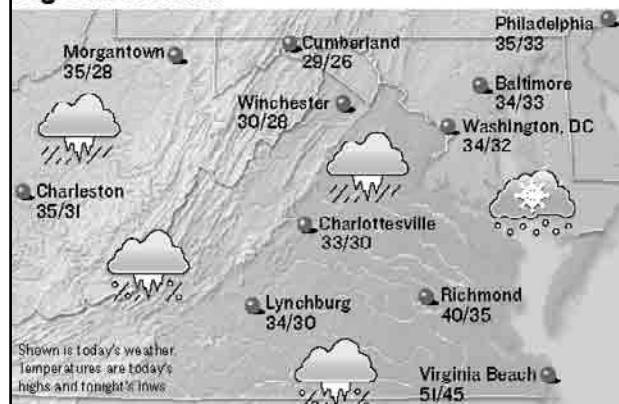


**DO** include your return address when writing to Santa Claus. The Postal Service has written guidelines for letters to St. Nicholas (and God) at Hdusps.esecurecare.net; include a stamp, but don’t send cookies, or hay for reindeer — Santa told USPS that he prefers to pick those up on Christmas Eve.

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

| Today                               | Tonight                       | Friday                       | Saturday             | Sunday       | Monday             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                                     |                               |                              |                      |              |                    |
| A period of snow and ice, then rain | Icy spots early, rain, breezy | Windy, becoming partly sunny | Partly sunny, breezy | Partly sunny | Partly sunny, cold |
| 34°                                 | 32°                           | 48° / 29°                    | 43° / 27°            | 41° / 24°    | 37° / 22°          |

## Regional Weather



## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

## Temperature

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| High             | 26° |
| Low              | 19° |
| Normal high      | 47° |
| Normal low       | 32° |
| Average humidity | 56% |

## Precipitation

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| 24 hours ending 4 p.m. | 0.00"  |
| Month to date          | 0.96"  |
| Normal month to date   | 1.35"  |
| Year to date           | 42.00" |
| Last year to date      | 41.52" |
| Normal year to date    | 37.65" |

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: [washingtonpost.com/weather](http://washingtonpost.com/weather)

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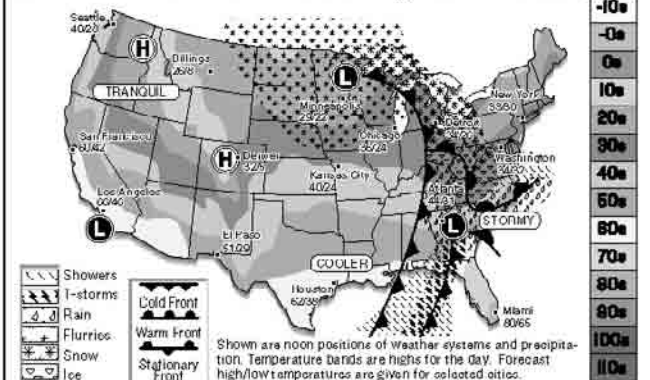
**D.C. Metro:** Today, cloudy, snow and ice arriving at mid-day, enough to make some roads slippery. High 34. Wind east 10-18 mph. Tonight, rain. Low 32.

## Sun and Moon

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sunrise today  | 7:20 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 4:47 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 4:32 p.m. |
| Moonset today  | 7:35 a.m. |



## National Weather for Thursday, December 15



## National Cities

| City          | Today    | Fri.     |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta       | 44/31/r  | 50/31/s  |
| Boston        | 32/28/pc | 38/30/i  |
| Chicago       | 36/24/sf | 31/18/sf |
| Dallas        | 58/32/s  | 54/34/pc |
| Denver        | 32/5/s   | 26/6/pc  |
| Honolulu      | 83/66/s  | 81/64/s  |
| Los Angeles   | 66/46/pc | 66/46/s  |
| Miami         | 80/65/pc | 78/64/sh |
| New York City | 33/30/c  | 40/32/r  |
| Orlando       | 76/54/t  | 64/46/pc |
| Seattle       | 40/28/pc | 42/27/pc |

## World Cities

| City         | Today    | Fri.     |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Amsterdam    | 46/43/sh | 48/41/sh |
| Athens       | 59/46/sh | 61/46/r  |
| Berlin       | 41/34/sh | 39/32/sf |
| Buenos Aires | 88/68/pc | 80/70/sh |
| Calgary      | 26/6/pc  | 19/5/pc  |
| Dublin       | 48/33/c  | 48/41/sh |
| Geneva       | 37/28/c  | 33/31/sn |
| Moscow       | 28/23/sf | 25/24/c  |
| Rome         | 52/41/sh | 54/45/pc |
| Sydney       | 75/66/s  | 82/66/sh |
| Tokyo        | 46/36/pc | 48/37/s  |

s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, r=rain, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, i=ice

# LOOK out People



Prince makes his secret hand signal.

## SILLY

## Prince Doesn't Bite Hand Feeding Him, Wants Cookie

PRINCE, who scrawled "slave" on his face during a record-company dispute in the '90s, said Tuesday he received everything he wanted in his latest deal with Universal. "I got a chance to structure an agreement the way I saw fit instead of the other way around," Prince said at a news conference. (AP)

## ROYAL HONORS

## He Is a Corgi Among Men

Led Zeppelin guitarist JIMMY PAGE was honored by Queen Elizabeth II Wednesday for his work with poor Brazilian children. Page, 61, said he was overwhelmed to be given the accolade, recalling how he became involved with Brazilian children in 1994 when fighting broke out among street gangs while he was in Rio de Janeiro. He is now an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. (AP)



## SPEED

## 'Please Ticket Me'

"Lost" star MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ has settled two traffic cases as she awaits a court hearing on a drunken driving charge — her fourth alleged traffic violation since she joined the cast this season. Rodriguez was fined \$357 for driving 83 mph in a 55 mph zone on Oahu on Nov. 1. She also paid a \$300 fine for driving 90 mph in a 35 mph zone on Oct. 20. (AP)

## ACCIDENTS

## 'Who Put the Pole There? Where's Pam? Oh Crap ...'

PAMELA ANDERSON and pole dancing proved too hot for NBC, which dropped a number featuring the actress from "Elton John: The Red Piano." The Las Vegas extravaganza aired Monday night without the

segment in which John sang "The Bitch is Back" while an oversized



screen behind him displayed a scantily clad Anderson moving suggestively around a dance pole. (AP)

## ACRIMONY

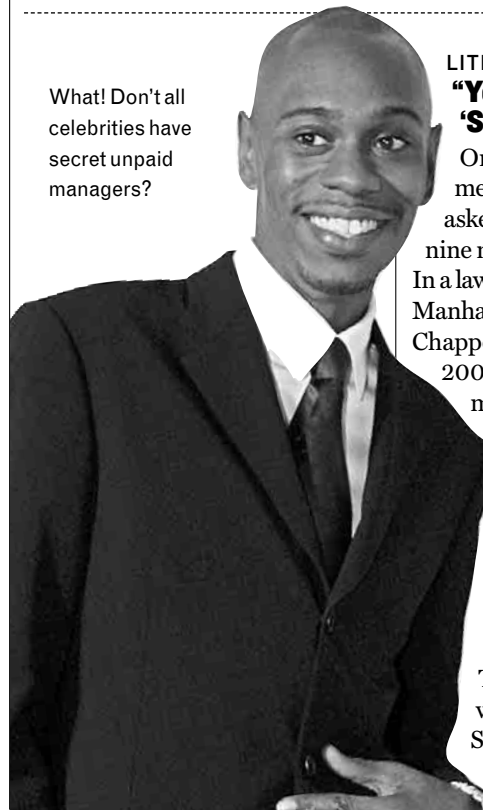
## We Expect Alec and Kim To Be Remarried by 2011

KIM BASINGER was back in court, quibbling over custody matters in her ongoing battle with ex-husband Alec Baldwin. The couple share joint custody of their 10-year-old daughter, Ireland. Moments after Basinger entered the courtroom Tuesday, Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Maren Nelson barred



the press and public. The 52-year-old actress emerged nearly two hours later, wearing the same dark glasses and emotionless expression she had on the way in. Her lawyer, Neal Hersch, refused to discuss the particulars of the case and Nelson's decision and related case documents were sealed. "Kim is respectful of what the judge did and she's pleased with today," Hersch said. "We're hopeful this will be the end of it." (AP)

What! Don't all celebrities have secret unpaid managers?



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

## LITIGATION

## "You Can Be My 'Secret' Manager"

One of DAVE CHAPPELLE's former employees says the comic asked him to be his manager for nine months, but never paid him. In a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, Mustafa Abuelhija said Chappelle told him in September 2004 he could be his personal manager and spread the word to his financial aides but never put it in writing. The suit said Abuelhija was owed his cut of an initial payment of \$4.5 million from Comedy Central for the third and fourth seasons of "Chappelle's Show." The lawsuit said Abuelhija was fired by Chappelle at a San Francisco hotel in June 2005 and had received only \$40,000. (AP)

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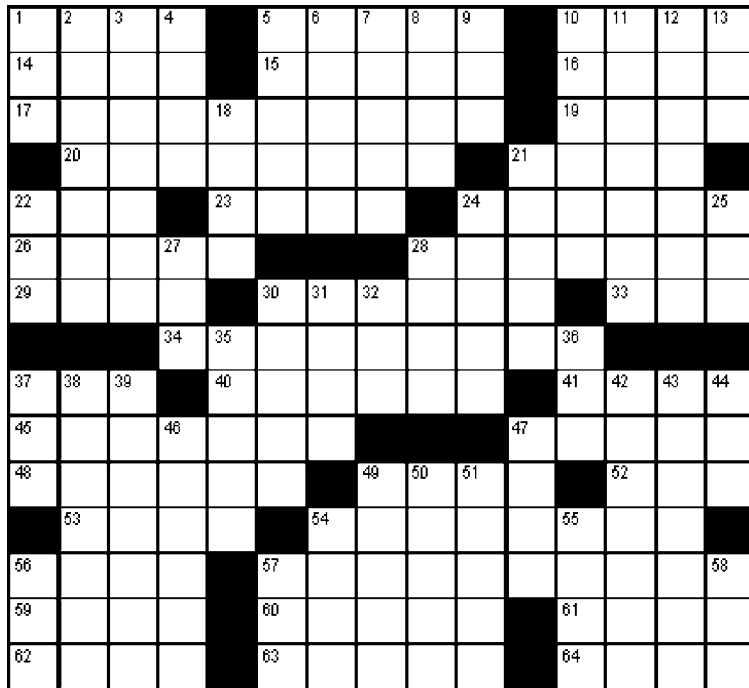
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### ACROSS

- 1 Festive affair  
5 Like Rambo  
10 Wanders (about)  
14 Word said before opening the eyes  
15 Garment for a cook  
16 Etcher's purchase, perhaps  
17 Biggest portion  
19 Bonnie one  
20 Familiar octagon  
21 Mary Lincoln's maiden name  
22 School liaison org.  
23 National League team  
24 Like a Seoul man  
26 King of talk  
28 Peculiar to a locale  
29 Bookie's data  
30 Colorful, flowering shrub  
33 Electronic-music pioneer  
34 Golden-brown quartz stone  
37 Unspecific degree  
40 Toyota model  
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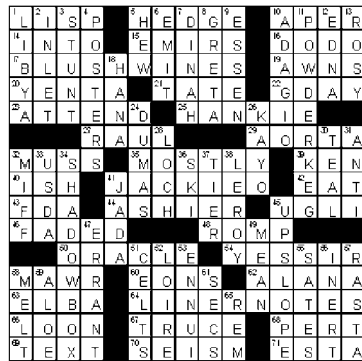
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8 Unicorn feature  
9 A wee hour  
10 Aplenty  
11 University environment  
12 Scorn  
13 '60s radical sit-in org.  
18 Like Granny on "The Beverly Hillbillies"  
21 Yesterday's tomorrow  
22 Party to a 1993 peace accord  
24 Prepare to present a proposal?  
25 Sgt., e.g.



- 27 Alphabet queue  
28 "Will there be anything \_\_\_\_?"  
30 Paid go-between  
31 Abysmal test score  
32 Bow-shaped line  
35 "Cosmicomics" author Calvino  
36 Prefix with center or dermis  
37 Point-of-purchase equip. giant  
38 Pythagorean proposition  
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- 42 Crude  
43 Daily allowance  
44 "Jealous mistress," to Emerson  
46 Adorable ones  
47 Tip, as a hat  
49 Raccoon relative  
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51 Trademarked cow  
54 Parts of mins.  
55 Approximately  
56 U.S. airline, once  
57 Rambouillet remark  
58 Give it a go

### Yesterday's Solution



## Today in History

**1890** Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police.

**1916** The French defeated the Germans in the World War I battle of Verdun.

**1938** The groundbreaking for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C.

**1939** The motion picture "Gone With the Wind" had its world premiere in Atlanta.

**1944** A single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris.

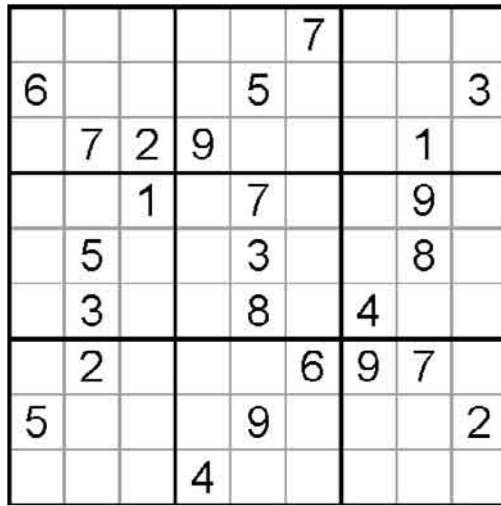
**1961** Former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court.

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**NAME:** Jonathan Harr  
**GIG:** Author of "A Civil Action" and  
 "The Lost Painting: The Quest for  
 a Caravaggio Masterpiece"

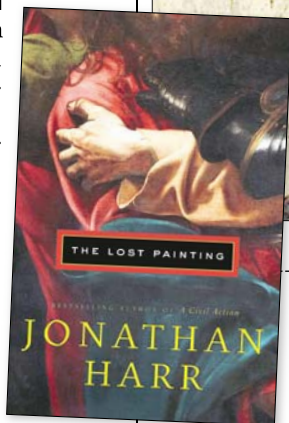
**CARAVAGGIO'S** "The Taking of Christ," which dramatically depicts Jesus' betrayal and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, isn't exactly unknown to Washingtonians. It was displayed at the National Gallery of Art in 1999. But for centuries the picture had gone missing, eventually turning up in a Jesuit residence in Dublin 15 years ago. In his most recent book, Jonathan Harr tells of the rediscovery of the painting by art history students Francesca Cappelletti and Laura Testa and art restorer Sergio Benedetti.

**What does it mean for a painting to be lost? Often its location is known but it's been forgotten or misidentified.**

In this case, it was all of the above.

It was misidentified, attributed to [Dutch painter Gerard van] Honthorst] and it was truly lost. It could have been traced, and people had made the effort to trace it to [collector William] Hamilton Nisbet in Scotland. But then it went up for sale, under this misattribution, and then there's this gap of 10 or 12 years in which ... nobody knew where it was. It's really impossible to know precisely where it went after the auction at [Edinburgh auction house] Dowell's, whether Marie Lea-Wilson had bought it directly from Dowell's or it had been consigned to some antiquarian shop and she found it there.

**And then she donated it to the**



**It's as though you're dealing in the amnesia of objects — a Caravaggio that can't tell you it's a Caravaggio, so you have to retrace its steps. What does it mean to have an original?** It's the valuation. The painting that was hanging in the Jesuits'



**LOST AND FOUND:** Harr traced the lineage of a Caravaggio.

**-Jesuits?**  
Right.

dining room for all those years was the very same painting that Caravaggio painted. And the Jesuits took some degree of pleasure in it. So as an object it occupies the same space, and it is the original object. And yet somehow it doesn't have the luster, it doesn't have the value that we as a society end up attributing to works of art that we embrace.

**"Then there's this gap of 10 or 12 years in which nobody knew where it was."**

**The New York Times took you to task for not mentioning "the 2004 dispute that erupted when another version of the same painting surfaced in Rome."**

That is not an old painting that has recently surfaced....[Caravaggio scholar] Roberto Longhi knew that painting in the 1950s and dismissed it as a copy. ... I saw it in the company of [Caravaggio authority] Maurizio Marini, and it's a bad painting. It's just clumsy.

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# The Ladies Who Launch

## Three musicians make the jump from girls to grand dames

**MUSIC** | The modern music industry stacks the decks against yesterday's pop tarts struggling to mature into artists. But former boopsie-voiced thrift-store explosion Cyndi Lauper is up to the task.

Her recent album, "The Body Acoustic," features stripped-down versions of songs from the span of her career. "Above the Clouds," here a duet with Sarah McLachlan, is slow, sad and a little inspirational. "Money Changes Everything" gets a lift from Adam Lazzara of emo darlings Taking Back Sunday.

Stripped of flash, invested with soul, these reinterpretations are like hearing the songs for the first time.



**STILL HAVING FUN:** Cyndi Lauper has grown into her artistry as well as her quirks.

Not so with Sandra Bernhard, who co-headlines Friday's show at the 9:30 Club. She's an old soul in a diva's body. Part performance

artist, part chanteuse, her artistic breakthrough was the sublime film of her 1988 off-Broadway show, "Without You I'm Nothing." At the

climax of its hilarious, caustic rant on American media obsession, she strips to an Old Glory-patterned g-string while belting out Prince's "Little Red Corvette." It's brave, brutal and touching.

Jill Sobule had a 1995 hit with the lesbian-chic "I Kissed a Girl." Then got dumped by her label. But her recent "Underdog Victorious" mixes Bernhard's ironic wit with Lauper's girlish delivery: "And if I had a jetpack I'd bust into your door, take you by the hand to the Jersey shore, and underneath the moonlight you'd want me even more, 'cause I have a jetpack."

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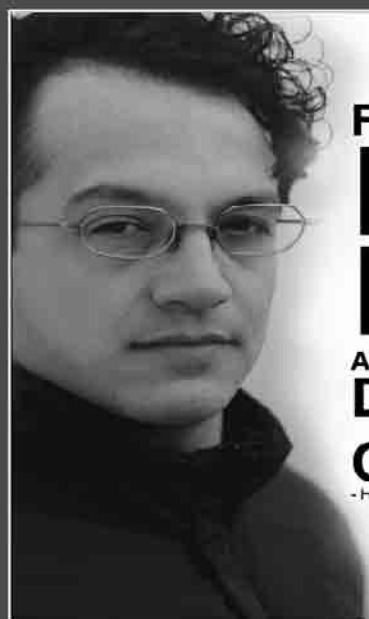
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**PAGES** | It's not Rachael Ray's fault she's cute. It's not her fault she's perky, generally cheerful, expects whatever she's cooking to come out fairly well and has a fondness for abbreviating stuff that doesn't need abbreviating.

The chef, host of multiple Food Network shows, cookbook author and cinescapable culinary-landscape presence is as reviled as she is loved, and we, as fans, can't figure out why.

Sure, she covers an awful lot of bases — the book she'll be signing at the White Flint Mall Borders on Thursday, "Rachael Ray 365: No Repeats — A Year of Deliciously Different Dinners," is her ninth. But Paul Prudhomme has spice mixes

with his face on it, and no one complains. Yeah, she anticipates success as she stirs a steaming pot of something reflecting her Italian roots on "Rachael Ray's 30-Minute Meals," but it's not as if Emeril warns his (fawning, live) audience that his risotto tastes like a pig's behind. So

like the culinary cowboys of "Iron Chef," hometown sweethearts like our own Warren Brown's "Sugar Rush," quick-and-dirty get-it-done artists like Ms. Ray and unabashed packaged-goods cheaters like Sandra Lee, whose "Semi-Homemade" philosophy — a packet

ried 37-year-old really does whip out full meals in 30 minutes, cooking time included; she really can get you around a fun city on "\$40 a Day," as another of her shows is titled; and when she promises to make Thanksgiving dinner in an hour, dammit, she does.

"Rachael Ray 365: No Repeats" is Ray at her most saleable — it's cuisine-spanning with emphases on comforty Italian and trendy Asian, it's got her big ol' name above the title and pretty smiling face all over the cover, and it's full of home-cook-level meals that don't make the reader grind his own herb-garden pink peppercorns or pick up an econo-size box of Bisquick. As she often says herself, "How cool is that?"

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

## So she posed for Maxim in skimpies; no one wants to see Alain Ducasse in a banana hammock.

she posed for Maxim in skimpies; no one wants to see Alain Ducasse in a banana hammock. And what's a little EVOO (cutesy Ray-speak for "extra-virgin olive oil") between friends?

The fact is, not everyone can smell what Rachael Ray is cooking.

The Food Network world is a vast and diverse one, with enough room for high-end hash-slingers

of pudding mix here; a can of pie filling there — is an affront to all things gastronomic. Why, from the full range of the network's how-tos, where-tos and histories-of, Ray gets her own drinking game on a flavahatas Web site is a mystery.

Perhaps it's because the diminutive diva is a bit of an iron chef herself. No housewife cook, the mar-

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This weekend, Doyle's profes-

sional basketball squad battles the Buffalo Rapids on Saturday and Boston Frenzy on Sunday at Montgomery College. Though there are no plush skyboxes and most team members will never hit NBA hardwood, the 9-3 Nighthawks boast bona fide star power.

Their starting lineup includes former Syracuse standout and ex-Washington Wizard Lawrence "Poetry In" Moten along with streetball superstar Randy "White Chocolate" Gill. Also on the court is sharpshooting guard Frank "The Sniper" McQueen, who can sink the league's trademark red, white and blue basketball from nearly anywhere in the building.



**BIG FUN:** Lawrence Moten, Tom Doyle, Randy Gill are taller than they appear.

Though the ABA was a bitter NBA competitor decades ago, it's now a minor-league breeding ground for ex-pros, rising rookies and NBA dreamers. Hoops junkies will appreciate the pro-level play and Doyle's youth-friendly atmosphere is sure to please parents. "It's in all player's contracts — I put it in there — that they have to stay on the floor until every kid gets that autograph," said Doyle, a 41-year-old attorney who still recalls being stiffed by former Redskin Sonny Jurgensen as a signature-seeking youngster.

Though Doyle's competitive squad nearly took the league title last year, perhaps his greatest victory lies in the family atmosphere. "That," he says. "Is what it's about." **CRAIG SMITH**

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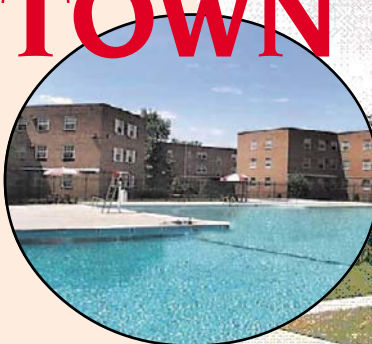
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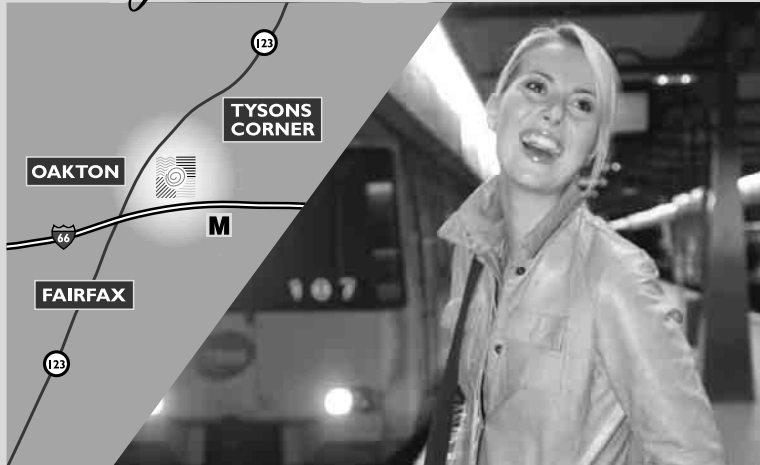
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**FAMILY** | "Sesame Street" isn't quite the same as in days of yore.

For Cookie Monster, tasty treats are only a "sometimes food." Elmo, dubbed the "red menace" by traditionalists, dominates. Even Oscar the Grouch might want to change his moniker to "Oscar the Mildly Disagreeable."

Fortunately, sweet Grover hasn't changed, and he's the center of "Sesame Street Live: Super Grover Ready for Action," at the Patriot Center this weekend.

Super Grover, the heroic version of our favorite cute and furry pal, has lost his powers. The Fabulous

Four — consisting of Zoe, Rosita, Telly Monster and Zoe's pet rock Rocco — and the audience must work to get them back.

Fortunately, reviving a fuzzy superhero's powers is as simple as practicing healthy habits such as exercising, good hygiene, sleeping well and eating right — how ironic if the Patriot Center's usual refreshment stands are open.

This transformation naturally occurs to music and dance. Parents should enjoy the lessons as well as perennial favorite tunes from their childhood. Kids should enjoy the brightly colored puppets.

ERIN TROMPETER

→ *George Mason University, Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; Thu.-Sun., \$15-\$24; 800-551-7328.*

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### Big Country

**WHO:** Roy Clark

**WHERE:** Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.

**WHEN:** Sat., 4:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

**HOW MUCH:** \$49.50; 410-268-4545

**WHY:** Adept at guitar and banjo,

friendly and unthreatening, the face of American country music has never been an outlaw, but even without a prison record, Clark has his own integrity. His music brings the sound of the back roads to city-dwellers and he can work a pop song (even scoring a Top 10 hit with Charles Aznavour's "Yesterday, When I Was Young" in 1969) with such urgency that it seems to have sprung from the Tennessee soil.



# No More 'Pie,' Thanks

**Don McLean long ago left his most famous pop creation behind**

**Q&A** | When "American Pie" and "Vincent" hit in 1971, Don McLean went from part of Pete Seeger's entourage to a mega-star. McLean, playing the State Theatre Friday, returned to the charts in the '80s with "Chain Lightning" and, more recently, has released country albums. His new compilation, "Rearview Mirror," includes the hits and a film of McLean playing with the Jordinaires, Elvis' backing group. We asked him about movies and current affairs, but not about that song.

**What don't you like being asked in interviews?**

What does "American Pie" mean? Talk to me all about "American Pie," blah, blah, blah. I certainly don't mind and I have told people how the song developed and all the rest of it — they're very obsessed with that song.

There are many levels to my

**"The current administration has been the most corrupt in my lifetime. They make Nixon look reasonable."**

**DON MCLEAN**  
SINGER-SONGWRITER

attempt at poetry. Everything has to be literal for these people. It annoys me that they're so stupid.

**Why did you let them call a movie "American Pie"?**

I own a trademark, so they had to pay me, but I couldn't say no.

**You studied business in college: Do you think your creativity would have made you a success in business as well?**

No, I think I would have been a serious alcoholic. If I had done what my father wanted I'd probably be dead by now.



SCOTT NEWTON/AP

**STARRY STARRY SHIRT:** McLean promises to play the songs you know Friday.

**Are there any contemporary artists you like?**

You mean current, on-the-charts right now? We have these "American Idol" people becoming stars who are basically amateurs. I don't begrudge each generation their form of entertainment — I want to make that clear. I am not mainstream and I am not a recording star anymore or any of that. It's just my opinion as someone who's seen a great deal and knows a lot about music.

Music is no longer front-and-center; it's an adjunct art-form to video, advertising, movies.

**Have things in this country turned out as you expected?**

Much worse. The current administration has been the most corrupt administration in my lifetime. They make Nixon look reasonable. They have taught the American public to accept being lied to, repeatedly. Caught in the middle are these poor young men and women who go to Iraq, who think they're doing a mission for America, who cry when they see the flag go up, and behind them are these cynical people who're just making money off of them.

TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

→ *The State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Fall Church; Fri., 9 p.m., \$36; 703-237-0300. (East Falls Church)*

# The Last Word in Jazz

**Rachel Z.'s ivories swing from improv to pop and beyond**

**MUSIC** | Rachel Z. is one of those amazing artists who really has yet to get your due respect. Maybe it's because, as a pianist and composer, it's difficult to market her.

She draws upon a vast history of jazz piano, sometimes evoking the bluesy bop of Wynton Kelly and Red Garland, other times tickling the ivories in the fiercely modern manners of Herbie Hancock and Chick Corea. Both in performance and on record, she's also exhibited as healthy an appetite for the pop music of Beck, Joni Mitchell and Björk as she does for classic jazz. It's no surprise



BAD BUNNY MUSIC

The versatile Z. plays Blues Alley.

that demanding artists such as Wayne Shorter, Steely Dan and Peter Dinklage have employed her to lend her consummate artistry to their own recordings.

At Blues Alley on Monday, Z will front her trio and promote her newest disc, "Grace" (Chesky), which

showcases yet another facet of her artistry: her voice. Considering the vigor of her piano improvisations and the telepathic way she engages bassist Chris. J. Luard and drums-playing husband Bobbie Rae, don't expect a concert as neatly polite as Diana Krall or Jamie Cullum. Sure, she'll sing the music of John Lennon, Kate Bush and Nirvana, but her keen jazz sensibilities will be at the forefront.

And if she continues to marry inventive jazz with smart pop, there's a sliver of chance that Rachel Z. will become less of cult figure and more of a household name.

JOHN MURPHY

→ *Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave., NW; Mon., 8 & 10 p.m., \$20; 202-337-4141.*

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# Feminism & Frillery

**Sienna Miller was thrilled to portray a feminist in 'Casanova'**

**TRANSITIONS** | Perhaps best known for her trendy clothes and her on-again, off-again romance with heartthrob Jude Law, 24-year-old Sienna Miller now wants to be taken seriously as an actress.

Consider the terms in which Miller described the on-screen alter ego of her new film, "Casanova." Francesca Bruni is an independent, feisty lady who wins the heart of the roving-eyed

Casanova (Heath Ledger) in director Lasse Hallstrom's picaresque romp. "This is not just another girl whose purpose is to serve a man in a male-dominated film," Miller pointed out. "She is intelligent, feminist, cross-dressing. I begged for this part."

"Casanova" offers a farcical and contemporary spin on the legendary 18th-century Venetian seducer. Here Casanova is a sensitive rebel, capable of true feeling and attachment. And, despite his better judgment, he's captivated by feminist writer Francesca Bruni. But she is already betrothed to the



**NOT JUST HEARTTHROB ARM CANDY:** Actress Sienna Miller hopes to leave her reputation as a clotheshorse and girlfriend behind and be taken seriously.

comically unappetizing Paprizzio (Oliver Platt).

Meanwhile, the Vatican is out to jail Casanova, while Francesca's widowed mom (Lena Olin) falls madly in love with Paprizzio, and he with her. The film features disguises, deceptions and madcap chases.

In preparation for the role, Miller boned up on the world of suffragettes, examining relevant materials to glean some sense of "what it was like when women felt oppressed," she said.

So how does Miller define women's empowerment? "When they can hold their own in an intellectual conversation and feel good about themselves, they are empowered," Miller said.

One upcoming project for Miller is "Factory Girl," exploring the life of Andy Warhol muse Edie Sedgwick. "Anyone who is that self-destructive is fascinating," Miller said. "The challenge is to make someone that destructively sympathetic." **SIMI HORWITZ (VNU ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)**

## Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

### 1 The Chronicles of Narnia

Andrew Adamson's sterling version of C.S. Lewis' classic children's fantasy is well told, handsome, stirring and loads of fun. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 2 Syriana

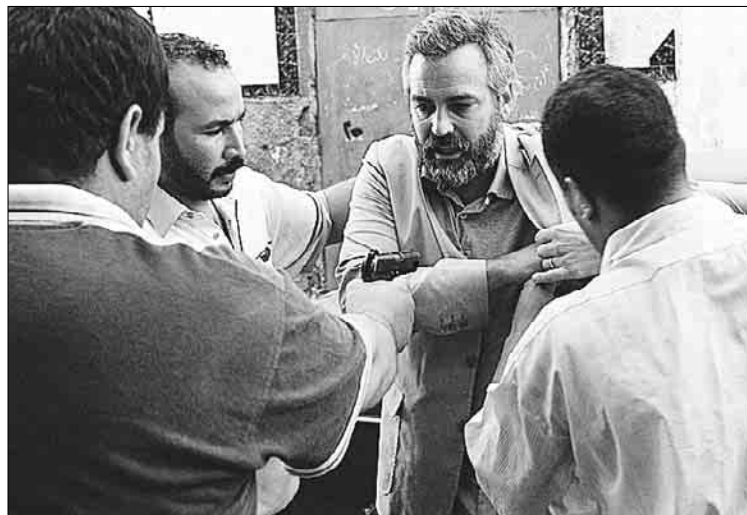
A taut, multilayered breath-mugger whose storyline shifts dexterously, never losing its metronomic pace or sense of urgency. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 3 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Readers of the novels may be disappointed by the omissions, but they'll enjoy the large-scale action and smaller-scale interaction. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 4 Walk the Line

For all its good music and admirable vocal impersonations (by Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon), this biopic slides slowly downhill into a conventional Hollywood staple. **ANN HORNADAY**



**REFINED CRUDE:** George Clooney stars in the elliptical drama "Syriana."

### 5 Yours, Mine & Ours

This comedy has a nice message about blended families, but the storyline is far too familiar. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 6 Aeon Flux

With the exception of a few enjoyable action scenes, this sci-fi adventure is surprisingly draggy. But Charlize Theron is appropriately slinky. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 7 Just Friends

A not-too-bad romantic comedy in which the guy perennially cast in high school as the "best friend" tries to face his past. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 8 Pride & Prejudice

Joe Wright's version of the Jane Austen novel is a boisterous, loud, dance-mad place, and Keira Knightley is a force of nature. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 9 Chicken Little

The Disney film backs away from an interesting proposition and chooses sound values — love, loyalty, tolerance and peace. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 10 Rent

Chris Columbus labors to make this movie feel like something that bubbled up from Alphabet City, but the songs leave you flat. **NELSON PRESSLEY**

## Indies&Arties

### At AFI Silver

The "Holiday Classics" series continues with Thursday and Saturday screenings of "A Muppet Christmas Carol" (Saturday's showing is free); and Saturday and Sunday screenings of "It's a Wonderful Life" and "A Christmas Story." The Louis Malle retrospective winds down (it ends Dec. 22) with Saturday's "Atlantic City" Sunday, it's "Black Moon" and "Damage."

→ **AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6720.**

### Views of Vietnam

On Friday at 7 p.m., the Freer's film series spotlights Vuong Duc's tragicomedy "Lost and Found," about a mathematician and a fatherless baby. On Sunday at 2 p.m., it's Pham Nhue Giang's "Deserted Valley," a sumptuous drama about one of Vietnam's ethnic minorities. The director leads a discussion after the film.

→ **Freer Gallery, Meyer Auditorium, 12th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-4880.**

### At Landmark E Street

The documentaries "Winter Soldier" and "Darwin's Nightmare" hang on



Rusty Sachs protests the Vietnam War in the documentary "Winter Soldier."

for another week. On Friday, two foreign films open: "The Keeper: The Legend of Omar Khayyam," in which past and present intertwine as a boy hears the story of the Persian poet, and the German hit "Go for Zucker," a culture-clash comedy.

→ **E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; opens Fri.; 202-452-7672.**

### 'Miracle on 34th Street'

Yes, Virginians, Marylanders and Districtites, there is a Santa Claus, or at least there's Edmund Gwenn for the duration of this glorious Xmas classic.

→ **Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW; opens Fri.; 202-966-6000.**



# The Scene

## Sound

### → THURSDAY

**Apex:** College Night," feat. DJ Randy White, 9 p.m., free with college ID, \$5 without.

**Black Cat:** Andy Zipf, Denison Witmer, 9 p.m., \$7.

**Blues Alley:** Eric Felton Jazz Orchestra performs "the Duke Ellington Nutcracker Suite," 8 (sold out) & 10 p.m., \$20

**Crossroads:** DJ Alizay, Jet Lee, Zone One, DJ Majestic, 5 p.m., free before 9 p.m.

**DC9:** The Dance Party, Starlight Drive, Olivia Mancini and the Housemates, 9:30 p.m., \$7.

**Five:** Latin party, 10 p.m., \$5.

**Improv:** Jim Short, 8:30 p.m., \$15.

**Iota Club & Cafe:** The Damnwells, L.P., 9 p.m., \$10.

**Jammin' Java:** Jane Siberry, 8 p.m., \$25.

**Jaxx:** Dope, A New Revolution, Apothys, Rewind, Alley Trap, 7 p.m. \$13 (advance).

**Kennedy Center:** Levine School of Music (holiday), 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra: Handel's Messiah, 7 p.m., \$20-\$79.

**Nation:** Alchemy/A.L.I.A.S., 8 p.m.

**Platinum:** Reggae/Reggaeton, DJs QicSilver, Smokey Joe, Jose.

**State Theatre:** New Riders of the Purple Sage, 8:30 p.m., \$22.

**Velvet Lounge:** Red Metric, Trust Fall, Vote Quimby, 9 p.m., \$6.

**Warehouse Next Door:** Jinxed at Twelve, Off Transmission, Field Machine, Darling, 8:30 p.m., \$5.

**Zanzibar:** Comedy on the Waterfront, 5 p.m., free.

### → FRIDAY

**Apex:** John Rizzo, 9 p.m., \$8.

**Asylum:** Official, the Screws, the Unabombers, 10:30 p.m., \$5.

**Black Cat:** Lake Trout, Cedars, Gun, 9:30 p.m., \$12.

**Blues Alley:** Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m. (sold out), \$25.

**Busboys and Poets:** Head-Roc & Noy-eek the Grizzly Bear, the Philistines, the N.O.M.A.D.S., Iron Shiek, DJ RBI, 10 p.m., donation.

**Club Amazon:** Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$10, ladies free before 11.

**Crossroads:** Bobby's Music Machine, Peter Humphries & the Oasis Band, more, free admission before 8 p.m.

**DC9:** "Liberation Dance Party," 9:30 p.m., \$5.

**Folger Shakespeare Library:** A Baroque Christmas with Rosa Lamor-



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eaux, 8 p.m., \$40.

**Fur:** Hip-hop, house, international, 10 p.m., ladies free, \$20 in advance.

**George Mason Center for the Arts:** Alison Brown Quartet, 8 p.m., \$18-\$32.

**Improv:** Jim Short, 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$17.

**Iota Club & Cafe:** Last Train Home, In the Round, Amelia White, Garrison Starr, Nini Camps, 9:30 p.m., \$12.

**Jaxx:** Black Morning Star Productions presents Season of the Dead, Dead Syndicate, Bethledeign, Mortrid, Final Redemption, Heretic, Burn Me Alive 6 p.m., \$10.

**Kennedy Center:** Holiday Vaudeville, 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra: Handel's Messiah, 8 p.m., \$20-\$79.

**Nation:** Cubik, 9 p.m.

**9:30 Club:** Cyndi Lauper, Sandra Bernhard, Jill Sobule, 9:45 p.m., sold out.

**Platinum:** Plush with DJ Alize, 9 p.m., ladies free until 12 p.m., \$10-\$15.

**Republic Gardens:** Republic Fridays, 6 p.m., free before 9 p.m.

**Smithsonian Jazz Cafe:** AfroBop Alliance, 6 p.m., \$10.

**State Theatre:** Don McLean, 9 p.m., \$36.

**Strathmore:** Pointer Sisters, 8 p.m., \$23-\$65.

**Velvet Lounge:** Sun Silent, Run Deep (holiday show), Dance Party, Fallen One, God Help us All, Enemy of 3, 10 p.m., \$8.

**Warehouse Next Door:** The Dead Betties, Corrupted Youth, Tubers, Solid Pony, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

**Zanzibar:** Happy Hour with Mark Greene, R & B, live jazz, DJ Quicksilver, more, free before 7 p.m., \$15 after 10 p.m.

### → SATURDAY

**Apex:** "Liquid Ladies," 9 p.m., \$8

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# WeekendPass Entertainment

## TheScene

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**Asylum:** Three Star Karma, Down to This, Bob, 10:30 p.m., \$5

**Birchmere:** Saffire: the Uppity Blues Woman, 7:30 p.m., \$27.50.

**Black Cat:** Army of Me, the Whips, the Bonapartes (cd release), 9:30 p.m., \$9.

**Blues Alley:** Marcus Johnson Project, 8 (sold out) & 10 p.m., \$25.

**Club Amazon:** The Lissen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11.

**Crossroads:** DJ Super Slice Birthday Bash with Assassin, more, 10 p.m.

**DC9:** Full Minute of Mercury, Chrysalis, Death By Sexy, Slaughterhouse Four, 9:30 p.m. \$8.

**Folger Shakespeare Library:** A Baroque Christmas with Rosa Lamoreaux, 5 & 8 p.m., \$40.

### LIVE ROCK | ON THE UP AND UP



**DAMN RIGHT:** They're frequently called an alt-country band, but the Damnells can sound more like the Replacements or Tom Petty — roots-conscious rock with guts. It seems inevitable that this Brooklyn quartet will be huge — they're booked at the 9:30 Club next year — so this gig at Iota Thursday is a nice chance to catch them in a small room.

**Fur:** Danny Howells, 10 p.m. \$20.

**Galaxy Hut:** Food not Bombs benefit with Her Majesty's Orchestra, Nethers, Sherin, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

**Improv:** Jim Short, 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$17.

**Iota Club & Café:** Last Train Home, Julie Lee, 9 p.m., \$12.

**Jammin' Java:** Yedil Khussainov, 1:30 p.m., \$20 (advance). Brindley Brothers, Brainfang, Abigail Kiser, 7 p.m., \$10.

**Jaxx:** Localpalooza: Four Barrel, Spilt, Fistful of Fifties, Static Void, September Falling, DNA, Stendhal, Omega Drive, Eleanor, the Automatics, Sister Darkness, 2 p.m., \$10.

**Kennedy Center:** Holiday Vaudeville, 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra: Handel's Messiah, 7 p.m., \$20-\$79. The Choral Arts Society of Washington: Christmas music, 1:30, \$17-\$59.

**Nation:** White Party with DJ Victor Calderone, 10 p.m., \$15.

**9:30 Club:** DC 101 presents Shinedown,

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**Club Amazon:** 13501 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, Md.; 301-210-3466.

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**Nation:** 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.  
**9:30 Club:** 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.  
**Platinum:** 915 F St. NW; 202-393-3555.  
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**State Theatre:** 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-0300.  
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**Velvet Lounge:** 915 U St. NW; 202-462-3213.  
**Warehouse Next Door:** 1017 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.  
**Zanzibar:** 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100.

**TheScene**

Silvertide, Living Things, 9:45 p.m., win only.  
**Platinum:** Party mix with DJs Gemini, Smokey Joe & Jose, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.  
**Republic Gardens:** Usual Suspects and Hypnotic Entertainment, 9:30 p.m., \$20 after 11 p.m.  
**Strathmore:** Pointer Sisters, 8 p.m., \$23-\$65.  
**U-Turn:** Dr. Mookie's birthday party, with the Screws, Brain Damaged, Another Side of Silence, the Commie Pinkos, 9 p.m., \$7.  
**Velvet Lounge:** The Guins, 10 p.m., \$8.

**Warehouse Next Door:** Alkem Benefit feat. Lida Husik, Sarah Azzara, DCIC, Kohoutek, the Antiques, Shame Girl, Pup Tent 9 p.m., \$7.

**Zanzibar:** Sweet Micky, 9 p.m., \$30 (advance). Christmas celebration with CaribUnited, Sprang International, 9 p.m., free before 10 p.m.

→ **SUNDAY**

**Birchmere Music Hall:** Maggie's Music Christmas with Maggie Sansone, 7:30 p.m., \$19.50.

**Black Cat:** Rock-'n'-Shop: A garage sale with DJs Neville Chamberlain and D-Mac, 8:30 p.m., free.

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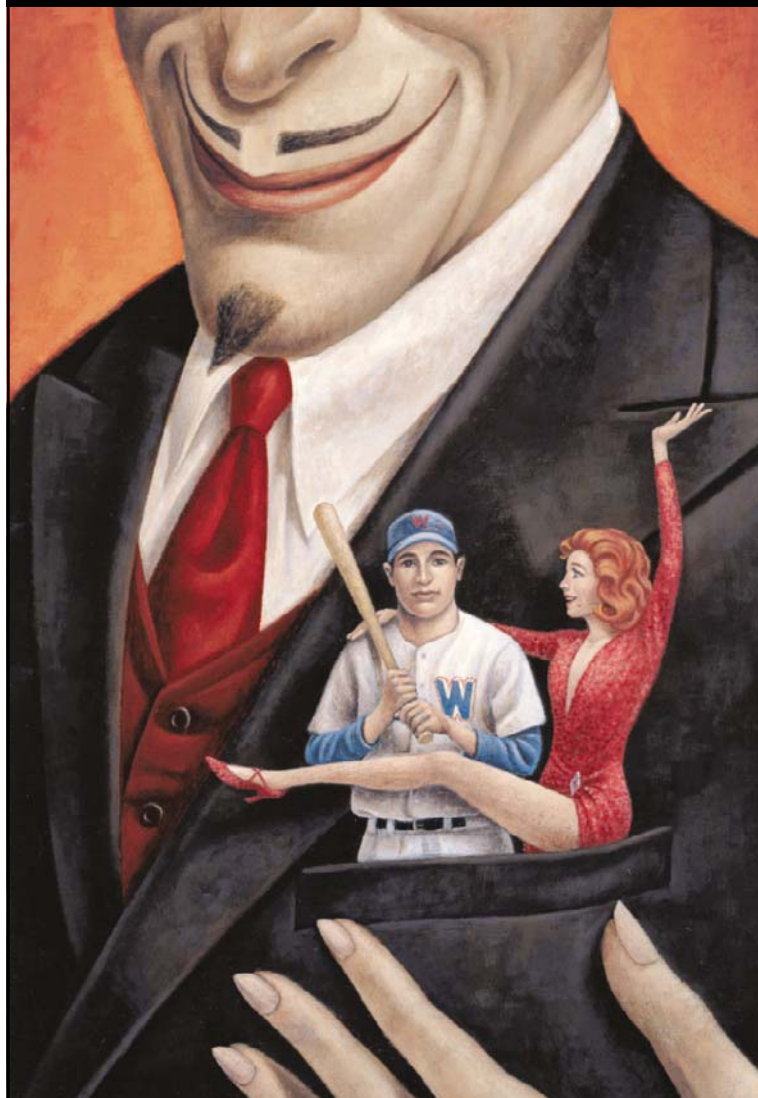
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**Cineplex Odeon UPTOWN**  
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★ KING KONG (PG-13) (10:30 2:45)7:00 11:00

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★ THE FAMILY STONE (PG-13) 12:02 Midnight

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RENT (PG-13) DIG (1235 340) 650 955  
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1225 335) 640 950  
HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1155 325) 655 1020

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RENT (PG-13) DIG (135 440) 745  
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1235 345) 705 1010  
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**BOWIE STADIUM 14**  
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

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JUST FRIENDS (PG-13) DIG (145 420) 655 920  
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (110 415) 735 1040  
HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1225 405) 750

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WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1240 340) 640 940  
HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1050 250) 620 950  
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HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1145 320) 700 1020  
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# WeekendPass Entertainment

## TheScene

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**Blues Alley:** Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.  
**Crossroads:** Dancehall, 10 p.m., \$15 before 11.  
**DC9:** Official after-party for Living Things, 11:30 p.m., free.  
**Five:** Trade, 9 p.m.  
**Folger Shakespeare Library:** A Baroque Christmas with Rosa Lamoreaux, 2 p.m., \$40.  
**Galaxy Hut:** Gist, Verbal, 9:30 p.m., \$5.  
**Improv:** Jim Short, 8 p.m., \$15.  
**Iota Club & Café:** Last Train Home, the Kevin Cordt Quartet, 2 p.m., \$12. Dean Fields, Mieka Pauley, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

**Jammin' Java:** Screaming Puppets (improv comedy), 6 p.m., \$10. Wassailing with the Dog Waggers, 8:30 p.m., \$10.  
**Kennedy Center:** Aaron Marcus (Hannukkah Celebration) 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra: Handel's Messiah, 1 p.m., \$20-\$79. The Choral Arts Society of Washington: family Christmas concert, 2 & 4 p.m., \$15-\$25. The Washington Chorus, 5 p.m., \$19-\$56. The Master Chorale of Washington: Christmas candlelight concert, 8:30 p.m., \$21-\$57.  
**9:30 Club:** Carbon Leaf (acoustic) 7:30 p.m. (sold out), 10 p.m., \$15.  
**Platinum:** DJs Alize, Trini, & Superslice-Muzik Nashun, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.  
**Strathmore:** Choral Arts Society of Washington: Christmas music, 7 p.m., \$42-\$59.  
**Velvet Lounge:** Bethany Yarrow and Rufus Cappadocia, 9 p.m., \$6.

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**HERE'S THE RUNDOWN:** Facts: The Pointer Sisters are really sisters. They were the first black women to play the Grand Ole Opry. They're performing at the Strathmore on Fri. and Sat.; they're still hot and will show a lot of leg.

**Zanzibar:** Champagne brunch, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25.

## Sight

**America Oh, Yes!:** The folk art gallery showcases the rather creepy art of Sandi Mastroni: fantasy-inspired paintings of cats, rabbits, people & more, ongoing. 1700 Connecticut Ave.; 202-721-0043.  
**Anne C. Fisher Gallery:** South American Holiday: four South American artists living in D.C. show their work together, through Jan. 13. PostSecret: a fascinating display of secrets people share anonymously, ongoing. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-625-7555.  
**Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery:** Aliza Olmet: Tikkun. Broken eggshells are reunited & enhanced through photography & computers, through Jan. 30. 16th & Q Streets; 202-518-9400.  
**Arlington Arts Center:** Mori: Go into a dark room and virtually experience the world's geological events occurring at that moment. Seriously. Drawing: Tradition & Innovation, feat. 22 artists, juried. Tell Me More Stories: Marie Anasazi and Zoe Leoudaki's collaborative work explores fairytales using film. Thu., Anasazi will

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**Tourist Friendly:**  
A complete guide to where to take, feed and park out-of-towners. | Cover  
→ Also, Jon Bon Jovi; Health Ledger; Chez Mama-San in Georgetown; Fritz Hahn's New Year's Eve roundup; new film reviews.



# Entertainment | WeekendPass

## TheScene

put on a dress made of yellowing text and be the recipient of fairytales, all through Jan. 7. 3550 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington; 703-248-6800.

**LAST CHANCE Candida's World of Books:** Travels with Democracy: Photos by Eric Kessler. The fruit of six years working for the National Democratic Institute, through Dec. 18. 1541 14th St. NW; 202-667-4811.

**Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives:** Adolf Cluss, German immigrant turned influential D.C. architect, through Feb. 28. 1201 17th St. NW; 202-442-6060.

**LAST CHANCE Conner Contemporary Art:** Wayne Gonzales: New painting, serious, satiric paintings that comment on modern life and politics. Multiples From Editions Fawbush, recent publications by artists including Alexander Ross, Richard Tuttle, Tony Matelli and Eve Fowler, both through Dec. 16. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

**Corcoran Gallery of Art:** Encouraging American Genius, the gallery's pre-1945 master paintings, through Jan. 2. Sam Gilliam, A Retrospective, through Jan. 22. Warhol Legacy, through Feb. 20. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

**LAST CHANCE Curator's Office:** Me, Myself & I: Artist self-portraits from the Heather & Tony Podesta Collection, through Dec 17. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008.

**D.C. Arts Center:** In Memory D. Thompson, curated by Buck Downs, a series of poems created by rubbing text on headstones in Congressional Cemetery, opening reception Thu. 7-9 p.m., through Jan. 22. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.

**Flashpoint:** Corcoran College Professor Christopher Williams makes the gallery his own by filling it with his sculptures, creating new barriers, painting on the walls and more, through Jan. 14. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.

**Folger Shakespeare Library:** Consuming Splendor: Luxury Goods in England (1580-1680), through Dec. 31. 201 East Capitol St. NE; 202-544-4600.

**Fraser Gallery Bethesda:** Winter Group Exhibit: New work by artists represented in the gallery including David FeBland & Maxwell MacKenzie, through Jan. 11. 7700E Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

**Fraser Gallery Georgetown:** New realist charcoal on paper drawings by F. Lennox Campello, opening reception Fri., 6-9 p.m., through Jan. 18. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.



DIDACTIC THEATRE

## Love and Other Mental Diseases

➔ **IT'S NOT EASY** to watch; it's terrible to think about, but Nicky Silver's "Beautiful Child" manages to confront, with humor and humanity, the horrifying proposition that we can't help whom we love. How far can the idea that "the heart wants what it wants," as Woody Allen so ickily put it, stretch? Does that include man-goat love (as in Edward Albee's "The Goat or Who Is Sylvia?") or man-8-year-old love, as in Silver's "Beautiful Child"? The dreamlike black comedy at Warehouse Theatre through Dec. 18 includes elements of farce and sex romp, but it's full of unsettling surprises, not the least of which is that the child in question is thirtyish teacher Isaac, who has run home to his parents — themselves hardly paragons of sexual probity — to seek refuge.

**Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery:** Imperial Costumes From Ottoman Turkey, through Jan. 22. Gold, the Asian Touch, through Feb. 19. Perspectives: Mei Ling Hom, a site-specific installation, through March 5. Chinese Music and the Visual Arts, through March 26. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

**LAST CHANCE Fusebox:** W.C. Richardson: Set, paintings of complex networks of color and line. Jason Gubbotti: WP, whimsical works on paper displayed as an ongoing narrative, both through Dec. 17. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

**Goethe-Institut:** The Art of Being German, young people's photos, through Feb. 28. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

**Hemphill Fine Art:** William Willis: Paintings & Works on Paper; Mary Early: Sculpture, both through Dec. 23. 1515 14th St.

NW; 202-234-5601.

**Hillel's Schusterman International Center:** Darfur Drawn: The Conflict of Darfur through Children's Eyes. Sudanese children's drawings, through Jan. 20. 800 8th St. NW; 202-449-6537.

**Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden:** Hiraki Sawa's black-and-white digital video works, through March 1. Directions — Jim Hodges, a billboard on the museum's facade, through April 1. 7th Street & Independence Avenue. SW; 202-633-1000.

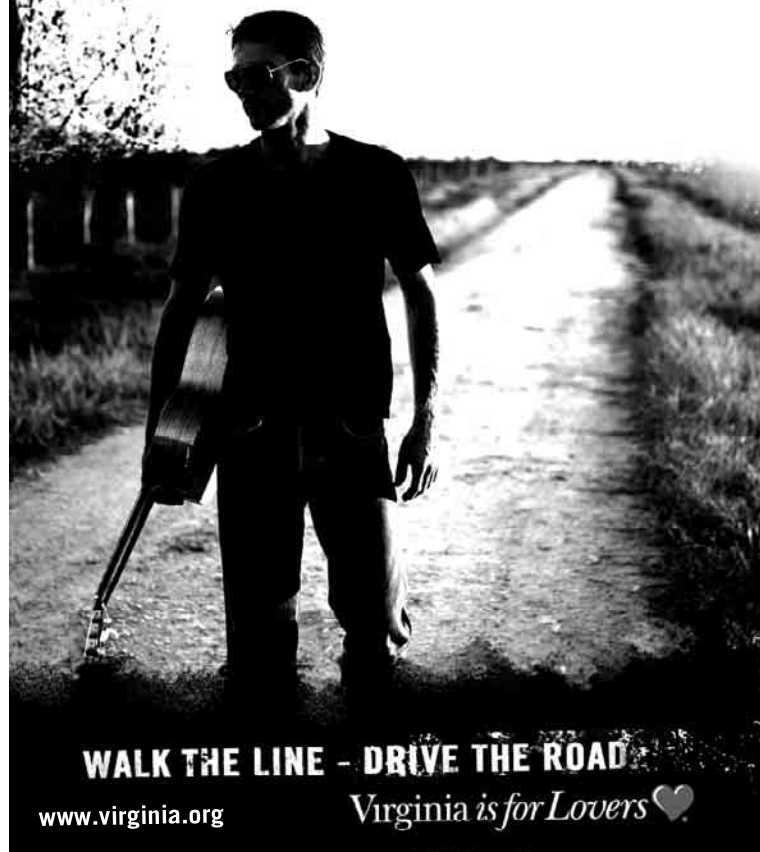
**Irvine Contemporary:** Gina Bocker: The Donovans and Other Settled Travellers, contemporary photos of life among the little-known Irish ethnic group. Sean Foley: Rubes, Scuttlebutt and Loggerheads, energetic, cartoonish, whimsical paintings and drawings, both through Dec. 31. 1710

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Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

**Kathleen Ewing Gallery:** Michael Gross: Sources: new paintings, prints and drawings, through Dec. 30. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

**LAST CHANCE Katzen Arts Center:** A First Look: David Bates, Gene Davis, Nancy Graves & Master Drawings from the Katzen Collection. Living Legacy: 60 Years of the Watkins Collection. After Bruce Conner: Anonymous, Anonymouse & Emily Feather, the inkblot drawings of the filmmaker. William Allan: Stories and Watercolors. Emily Brzezinski: Recent Sculpture, all through Dec. 17. 4400 Mass. Ave. NW; 202-885-1300.

**Mendarin Oriental:** French painter Jean Marc Huss' images of Budha, through Feb. 28. 1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-554-8588.

**National Air and Space Museum:** World War II Aviation, Golden Age of Flight, Beyond the Limits, Space Flight, many more, ongoing. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-357-2700.

**LAST CHANCE National Archives:** Rosa Parks: 50th Anniversary of an Act of Courage, through Dec. 15. The Way we Worked, photos and artifacts honoring, and exploring the changes in the lives of, American working people, through May 29. Con-

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Constitution Ave. NW; 202-357-5300.

**National Geographic Society:** Napoleon: An Intimate Portrait, artifacts including his hair and a letter he wrote as a teen, through Jan. 2. Wide Angel, a selection of varied photos from a new NGS book, through Jan. 25. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

**National Museum of American History:** Azúcar! The Life and Music of Celia Cruz, through Dec. 31. La Causa: The Delano Grape Strike of 1965, through Jan. 3. Smithsonian Magazine: Through Our Readers' Eyes, through Jan. 3. Disneyland: The First 50 Years, Ray Charles: "The Genius," the American Industrial Revolution, the Star-Spangled Banner and others. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

### GALLERY | STORYTIME



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**BOOK SMART:** Zoe Leoudaki and Maria Anasazi's installation "Tell Me More Stories" deconstructs fairytales and the idea of the fairytale. The provocative show is at Arlington Arts Center.

**National Museum of Health and Medicine:** This Dust Was Once the Man: artifacts of Lincoln. Battlefield Surgery 101: From the Civil War to Vietnam. From a Single Cell, an exhibit that documents human development until age five, all ongoing. Walter Reed Hospital, enter through Georgia Avenue and Elder Street Gate, NW (Building 54); 202-782-2200.

**National Museum of Natural History:** Ancient Columbian Gold, through April 9. Frost: Life and Culture of the Sami reindeer people of Norway, through April 23. Sikhs: Legacy of the Punjab, indefinite. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue; 202-633-1000.

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stitution Ave. & 9th St. NW; 202-501-5000.

**National Building Museum:** Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community, through Jan. 8. Civitas: Traditional Urbanism in Contemporary Practice, through Jan. 8. Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete, through Jan. 29. Investigating Where We Live, photographs, poems, stories and narratives explore three D.C. neighborhoods, through Feb. 19. Cityscapes Revealed: Highlights from the museum's permanent collection, including early 20th century artifacts & photographs, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

**National Gallery of Art:** Pieter Claesz: Master of Harlem Still Life, through Dec. 31. Masterpieces in Miniature: Italian Manuscript Illumination from the J. Paul Getty Museum, through Jan. 2. The Prints of Felix Buhot: Impressions of City and Sea, through Feb. 20. Winslow Homer, through Feb. 20. Monumental Sculpture in Florence: restored 15th-century works by Ghiberti, di Banco and del Verrocchio, through Feb. 26. Asher B. Durand's Kindred Spirits, through Feb. 28. Audubon's Dream Realized: Selections from "The Birds of America," through March 26. 600



## TheScene

the famed portraitist's works through Jan. 15. Paintings & Works on Paper by May Stevens, through Jan. 15. Monica Castillo: The Painter and the Body, through Jan. 22. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

**Octagon Museum:** The Initiated Eye: Wadell's paintings exploring Masonic symbolism in D.C., through Dec. 31. Architecture in Perspective: marking the 20th anniversary of the American Society of Architectural Illustrators, through Jan. 20. 1799 New York Ave. NW; 202-638-3221.

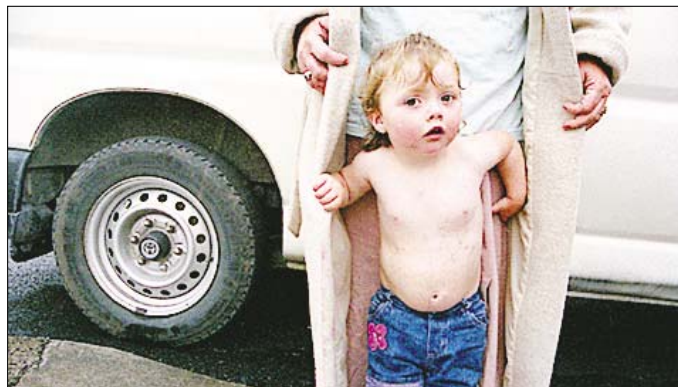
**P & C Fine Art Gallery:** Over 200 works from almost 70 years of Dr. Seuss' career, including political cartoons and private paintings Seuss hoped to eventually share, through Dec. 31. 3108 M St. NW; 202-965-3833.

**Phillips Collection:** Sean Scully's abstract Wall of Light, through Jan. 8. Over 2000 abstract impressionist works, including art by Matisse, Picasso, Cézanne, many more, ongoing. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

**Provisions Library:** Deborah Lawrence uses collage to satirize and express outrage, through Jan. 28. 1611 Connecticut Ave. NW, Second Floor; 202-299-0460.

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## GALLERY | GOING AROUND



**RAMBLER:** At Irvine Contemporary, "The Donavans and Other Settled Travellers" is Gina Brocker's photographic diary of an itinerant Irish family.

project, featuring anonymous postcards with incredibly private declarations, \$10 donation to charity requested, through Jan. 8. 3307 M St. NW; 202-639-1828.

**Pulp on the Hill:** Frank Muzzy's From Stone to Flesh, artistic black and white photos of area statues and more, from the author of "Gay and Lesbian Washington, D.C.," through Jan. 1. 303 Penn. Ave. SE; 202-543-1924.

**Renwick Gallery:** Modernism in American Silver, through Jan. 22. Pennsylvania Avenue & 17th Street NW; 202-633-2850.

**S. Dillon Ripley Center: Retratos:** 2,000 years of Latin-American portraiture

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ture, through Jan. 8. 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW; 202-633-1000.

**Sixth & I Historic Synagogue:** Circles Within Circles: Jewish Time Frames, through Jan. 31. 6th & I streets NW; 202-789-0100.

**LAST CHANCE Spectrum Gallery:** Alice Mostoff's "Pendants" connects a renaissance method with modern abstract impulses, and painting with architecture, through Dec. 18. 1132 29th St. NW; 202-333-0954.

**Strathmore:** 72nd exhibition of the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers society. Views of Forest Glen, Rose Folsom Calligraphy, all through Dec. 30. 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; 301-581-5200.

**Studio Gallery:** Contemporary artists take on "Classical Themes," emphasizing Greek & Roman qualities, through Dec. 23. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734.

**Target Gallery:** Washington Guild of Goldsmiths Metal 2005, juried show, through Jan. 15. Torpedo Factory, 105

North Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

**Textile Museum:** Gods and Empire: Huari Ceremonial Textiles, through Jan. 15. Rozome Masters of Japan, screens, kimono, scrolls by contemporary Japanese artists using the wax-resist dyeing technique, through Feb. 12. Silk & Leather: Splendid Attire of 19th-Century Central Asia, through Feb. 26. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

**Touchtone Gallery:** Anniversary gift show, all work \$250 & 10% of proceeds go to charity. "Mississippi Images," recent photos by Mike Lang. Art Enables and the Winter Solstice, the work of disabled local artists. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

**Transformer:** Little Creatures, a collection of work by four artists uses art brut, comic book art, found objects, taxidermy and more to explore human-like characters and "beasties," through Jan. 14. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102.

**Union Gallery:** Boundaries: Contemporary Landscape, feat. the work of four local artists, through Dec. 22. University of Maryland Stamp Student Union, College Park; 301-314-8492.

**Union Station:** Contemporary Norwegian

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# Dining | WeekendPass

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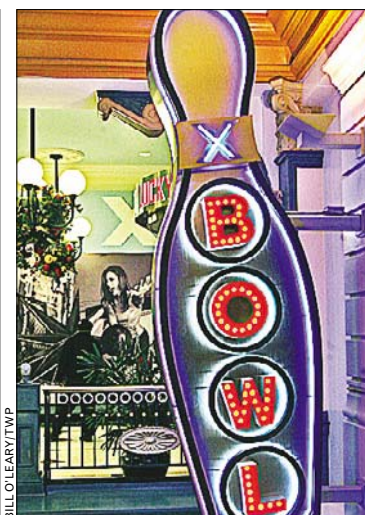
With the opening of chic bowling hot-spot **LUCKY STRIKE** at Gallery Place, the final big chunk of the new downtown entertainment/retail complex is open for business. But make no mistake: Lucky is counting on its bar to bring in the bucks, not its small 14-lane bowling facility.

Last Saturday, at least, the music was so loud you couldn't hear any strikes — or see any, for that matter, as the lanes are hidden behind ramps and the DJ booth.

It's perfect for groups of friends to spread out, assuming they can secure a coveted table or chair/couch cluster. Call ahead for a lane reservation or get ready to wait — with a drink or two, of course — if you plan to go during prime time.

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Downtowners' minds are in the gutter.

### LIKE A PHOENIX

#### Two Damaged Bars Reopen

Two bars closed by fire — **CAPITOL LOUNGE** and **SPY LOUNGE** — are welcoming their fans back. Well, almost. Capitol Lounge, a favorite of Hill staffers, is partially reopened, with finishing touches supposed to wrap this month. And the new, sleek Spy Lounge is ready to reclaim its former perch as one of the best places in Adams Morgan to enjoy an excellent cocktail. **MG**

→ Capitol Lounge, 231 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-547-2098. (Capitol South)

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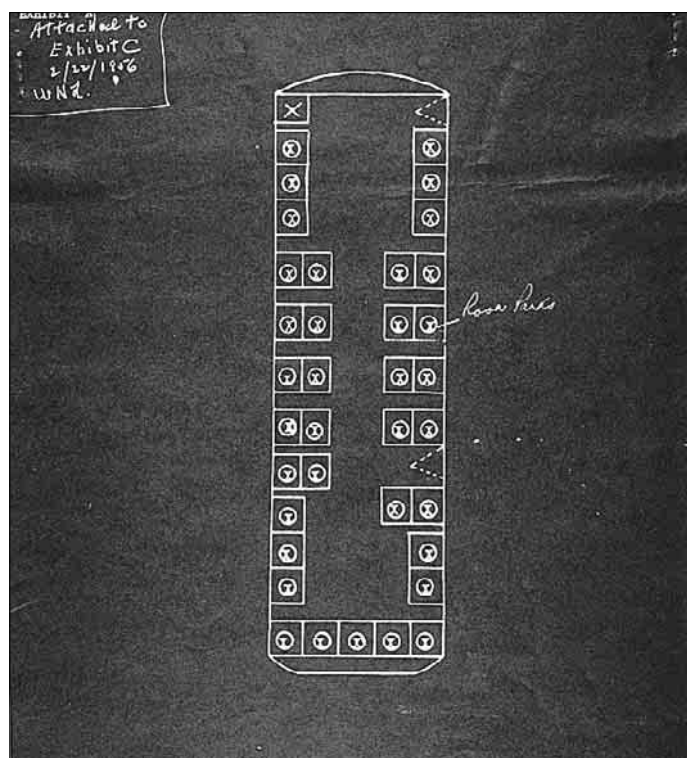
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**University of Phoenix:** Experimental photographer James W. Bailey presents a surprisingly compelling collection of photos found across the country,

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**Washington Works on Paper Gallery:** The Curves of Natural Radiance: large format body prints by Angela White, through Jan. 15. 3420 9 St. NE; 202-526-4848.

**Zenith Gallery:** Drew Ernst's Connected, a collection of realist paintings, through Jan. 8. Artists of New York Ave., through Jan. 27. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

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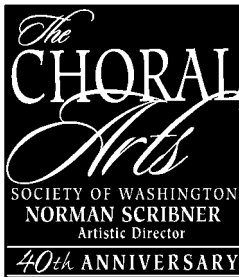
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riage, \$20. Warehouse Theater, 1017 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.

### Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of

**Christmas:** Ford's Theatre's annual staging of Dickens' classic. As rich, evocative and full of the holiday spirit as ever, through Dec. 31, \$30-\$52. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 800-551-7328.

**Alice:** Whoopi Goldberg's first children's book is brought to the stage, as the inaugural work of the Kennedy Center's new Family Theater, which opened last week, Fri. through Jan. 2, \$15. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY The Christmas Revels:** Music, dance, drama & folk traditions from Scandinavia and surrounding countries, \$12-\$40. Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H streets NW; 800-595-4849.

**The Comedy of Errors:** Shakespeare Theatre Company's well-received version of the Bard's farcical whirlwind of misunderstandings and mistaken identity, incor-

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**AFTER THE STORM:** Touchstone Gallery's "Mike Lang: Mississippi Images" is a benefit for Hurricane Katrina relief. The photos are images gathered while Lang helped to document the work of the Mississippi Center for Justice.

TOUCHSTONE GALLERY

porating Middle Eastern settings and Salvador Dali influences, through Jan. 8, \$14.25-\$71.25. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122.

**Cuttin' Up:** A new play with music that explores the community surrounding an African-American barber shop, through Jan. 1. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-4377.

**Damn Yankees:** The perennial musical about a fanatic Washington Senators fan's deal with the devil, through Feb. 5. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

### THIS WEEKEND ONLY Kwanzaa

**Celebration:** Using singing, dancing, and drumming, Coyaba Dance Theater focuses on the holiday's second day principle: self-determination. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600.

**Les Misérables:** The popular musical adapted from Victor Hugo's epic about the French Revolution, through Jan. 21, \$36.25-\$83.25. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 800-551-7328.

**Oliver!:** The Olney Theatre Center stages its first musical with this family favorite,

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## TheScene

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adapted — with added cheer and songs — from Charles Dickens, through Dec. 31, \$24-\$39. Olney Center Theater, 20011 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400.

**LAST CHANCE Portrait of a Madonna & Suddenly Last Summer:** The Keegan Theatre offers a double shot of Tennessee Williams' plays, through Dec. 17, \$25, \$20 for students and seniors. Gunston Arts Center Theater II, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-527-6000.

**Seasonal Disorder:** The Washington Improv Theater finds humor in true holiday stories of shopping madness and family dysfunction, through Dec. 30, \$12. Flashpoint's Mead Theatre, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1318.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Sesame Street Live:** Super Grover! Ready for Action!, the blue furry hero of this "Sesame Street" epic loses his powers and the gang has to help him out, Thu.-Sun., \$15-\$24. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; 703-993-3000

**Seussical:** Family musical based on the writings and illustrations of beloved chil-

dren's author Dr. Seuss, through Jan. 15, \$10-\$15. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660.

**LAST CHANCE Starving:** S.M. Shephard-Massat's powerful play speaks volumes about the lives of African-American women in the 1950s just by watching the comings and goings of residents of one Atlanta apartment building, through Dec. 18, \$30-\$48. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939.

**LAST CHANCE The Truth (Well-come to the Down Low):** Restoration Stage presents Steven Butler's new play, an examination of married black men who, on the "down low," have homosexual sex, contributing to an AIDS rate 18 times higher among black women than their white counterparts, through Dec. 18, \$25. H St. Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 800-494-8497.

**LAST CHANCE A Year With Frog and Toad:** A family-friendly musical based on Arnold Lobel's beloved books, through Dec. 18, \$25-\$50, ages 17 and under \$15. Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda; 240-644-1100.

**LAST CHANCE Yemaya's Belly:** A Caribbean coming-of-age story incorporating elements of both Catholic theology and Santeria, through Dec. 18, \$39-\$43. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-820-9771.



# Nightlifeagenda

WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

## THURSDAY

The Arcade Fire, Fiery Furnaces, Billy Idol, George Clinton, Thievery Corporation, Ted Leo, Widespread Panic, Bob Mould, Scissor Sisters. No, that's not this year's Coachella lineup; it's a partial list of performers who have appeared on Pancake Mountain, the hippest kid's TV show since "The Adventures of Pete & Pete." The delightfully off-beat locally-produced cable-access show features Sesame Street-type characters (including goat puppet celebrity interviewer Rufus Leaking), exceedingly silly skits that aren't always that educational, and top musical guests playing to a room full of shimmying children. Tonight the **WAREHOUSE THEATRE** is hosting a DVD release party/screening for episodes 5 and 6 of the show, which features appearances by Ted Leo, Widespread Panic, Garbage, Shonen Knife, Weird War and more. There will be showings at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., and admission is \$6.

Karaoke has returned to **GALAXY HUT** and been such a success that owner Lary Hoffman is holding a special encore singathon tonight. There's no cover — just show up at the cozy, friendly little bar, order a pint and belt out the song of your choice from this list: [www.galaxyhut.com/music/karaoke.html](http://www.galaxyhut.com/music/karaoke.html).

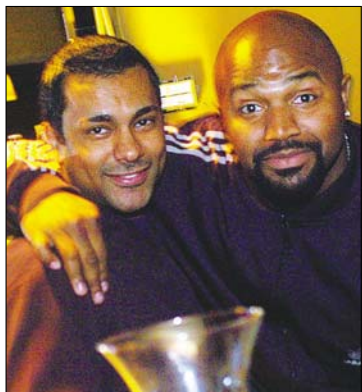
## FRIDAY

Making its formal debut tonight is **SCIENCE CLUB**, a midtown restaurant and lounge. Fritz visited during its soft opening earlier this month, and the space looks very promising: A four-story building with excellent bartenders, a small dance floor and plenty of places to sit. It's run by Steve Maguire, who used to manage Gazuza.

Juste Pehoua's smiling mug greets us from the promotional ad for his **JUSTE LOUNGE** Christmas party. He's definitely got a lot to be jolly about, because he's responsible for giving Bethesda a much-appreciated flavor infusion. Tonight you'll get a live soul band followed by WKYS-FM's DJ Alize and DJ Joe spinning hip-hop, reggae and R&B. Nordstrom gift certificates as holiday giveaways sweeten the deal. Make sure to hit [www.justelounge.com](http://www.justelounge.com) for free pass action.



**BANDS NOT BOMBS:** Most Nethers used to be Carlsonics, but that's another story.



Juste Lounge manager J. Aaron, left, and owner Juste Pehoua get hyped.

## SATURDAY

There are two benefit shows worth checking out on Saturday night, supporting very different causes. At **GALAXY HUT**, it will be an evening of dark, sometimes elaborate folk-pop to support Food Not Bombs, the volunteer cooperative that distributes food and health information to the homeless. Chamber pop group Her Majesty's Orchestra, singer-songwriter Sherin and Nethers — psych-folkers we like so much that we mention them at least once a month — are among the scheduled performers.

Over at the **WAREHOUSE NEXT DOOR**, it's a benefit for Alkem, a nonprofit that provides free

Internet resources and support for artists and musicians that, to put it in plain terms, care more about their art than making a profit. Most of the bands playing have a pretty out-there sound, including avant-jazz group D.C. Improvisers Collective, experimental psych outfit Kohoutek, and stream-of-consciousness rockers Pup Tent. Singer-songwriters Sarah Azzara and Lida Husik might be slightly more "accessible," but still fit comfortably under the Alkem mission statement.

## SUNDAY

Drag queens are everywhere: calling games of bingo, performing at brunch, hosting karaoke and comedy shows. But drag kings don't get the same love, and we don't understand why. The DC Kings bring their singing, dancing, lip-synching holiday show to **APEX** tonight. Hosted by Rocky and Noah Rex, performers include Oliver Clothesoff, Wyll Power and Beau Donka Donk Bottom and Jo Bottom. There's an \$8 cover, and you must be 18 to enter (and 21 to drink the \$3.50 Long Island iced teas).

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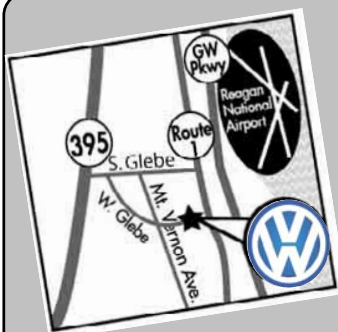
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